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Extradition row looms at Euro-summit

Belgium angers Thatcher with Ryan case decision

- The Prime Minister is reported to be angry at the rejection of the extradition request over Mr Patrick Ryan
- The British Embassy in Brussels has been ordered to prepare a report on why Belgium refused the request
- The Anglo-Irish Agreement now faces one of its sternest tests after Mr Ryan's return to Dublin on Friday
- Tory MPs warned that the consequences could be severe if Dublin now rejects another extradition request

By Martin Fletcher, London and Michael Dynes, Brussels

Mrs Thatcher has ordered an urgent a report from the British Embassy in Brussels on why the Belgian Cabinet rejected a request for the extradition of Mr Patrick Ryan, the former Catholic priest wanted in connection with alleged IRA terrorist offences.

The Prime Minister was reported to be furious at the decision, and the demand for a report has fuelled speculation of a possible showdown between Britain, Belgium and Ireland during the EEC summit meeting in Rhodes starting on Friday.

The rejection of the request – made on September 9, some three months after Mr Ryan was detained by the Belgian authorities for entering the country on a false passport – marks the first time Belgium has denied an extradition request from a Nato partner for more than 20 years.

Although it appears that the Belgian judiciary was in favour of complying with the British request, a hastily convened Cabinet meeting called by Mr Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister, overruled the Ministry of Justice, and told the Irish Government that Mr Ryan was being flown to Dublin on Friday night.

Mr Martens said that the Cabinet had made the final decision over the extradition request because of the political implications involved in the case. Observers took this to mean that the Government was alarmed at the prospect of possible IRA retaliation had Mr Ryan, who was on hunger strike, died in a Belgian jail.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement now faces one of its sternest tests this week as John Murray, the Irish Attorney-General, decides whether to validate a British request for the extradition of Mr Ryan.

Conservative MPs warned yesterday that the consequences for Anglo-Irish relations if political pressure was applied and the warrant rejected would be extremely severe. Such a decision would enrage Mrs Thatcher and give powerful ammunition to Unionist and right-wing Conservative critics of the Anglo-Irish Agreement just as it is being subjected to it three-yearly review.

But in Dublin next month the new extradition arrangements agreed between the two countries' Attorney Generals early this year will be reviewed and debated in the Dail, the Irish Parliament.

A decision to permit Mr Ryan's extradition would cause serious problems for the ruling Fianna Fail which is facing growing criticism on the extradition issue from backbenchers and members of its organization.

Mr Henry Bellingham, Conservative MP for Norfolk North West and secretary of the Tory backbench Northern Ireland committee, warned yesterday that a large number of his colleagues would withdraw their support for the Anglo-Irish Agreement if the extradition were blocked for political reasons.

"The last few months have seen nothing but us giving and the Southern Irish Government taking," he said.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook, the committee's chairman and a long-standing opponent of the agreement, said: "I very much doubt the good faith of the Irish Government in the matter of extradition ..."

The Belgian decision is also likely to raise doubts over increased EEC co-operation in tackling international terrorism.

The decision takes place against the background of the declared intention by member states to increase police co-operation against terrorists, drug traffickers and criminals.

Mr Ryan, aged 58, who had just entered his fourth week on hunger strike, and had refused to take liquids in protest over the extradition proceedings, was said to be "close to death" by relatives, a fear reinforced by the Belgian medical authorities who had given him no more than five days to live.

The alleged offences include conspiracy to commit murder, an offence that does not exist under Belgian law.

The 100-year-old Anglo-Belgian extradition treaty says that an extradition can only take place if the offence in question is recognized by both countries.

Scotland Yard initiated extradition proceedings specifying four alleged offences, the most serious of which were conspiracy to commit murder, and the illegal possession of explosives in an estimated 185 terrorist offences committed in Northern Ireland and mainland Britain since 1975.

Detectives were also believed to have to questioned Mr Ryan about more recent IRA activities in the wake of the interception of a shipment of weapons and explosives on the Panamanian-registered coaster, Eksund, off the coast of France in October, 1987.

A campaign to fight Britain's attempt to extradite Mr Ryan began in Dublin yesterday, as a crowd of around 40 anti-extradition protesters demonstrated outside the home of Ireland's Attorney General, Mr John Murray, in Greystones, Co Wicklow. Anti-extradition activists also took up positions outside churches in Mr Ryan's home county of Tipperary to lobby worshippers as they left Mass.

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On the banks of the Severn, a tragic search ends



The scene at Hampton Loade yesterday after police cordoned off the area around the Severn where a young woman's body was found under a fallen tree.

Police find girl's body in river

By Ronald Faux

Police divers searching for Anna Humphries, the missing schoolgirl, found the body of a young woman yesterday in the river Severn near Bridgnorth.

Three frogmen wading in the river just below the hamlet of Hampton Loade recovered the body from under a tree.

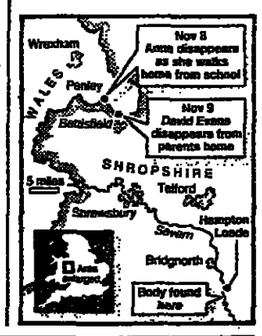
Police immediately cordoned off the area, blocking the lane leading to the river from the A442 Bridgnorth to Kidderminster road.

A police helicopter was called in and police scene of crime officers began a detailed examination of the area. They struggled up and down the steep, overgrown bank, using two ladders.

The body had not been identified last night. It was taken by helicopter to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital for a post-mortem examination after its discovery less than 100 yards from the base established by the underwater unit in a muddy car park at Hampton Loade.

The search for Anna, aged 15, who disappeared on her way home from school at Penley, Clwyd, on November 8, had been concentrated on a

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Tory backbenchers join Labour in attack on Lawson policies

By Martin Fletcher, Rodney Lord and David Young

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will face the twin task tomorrow of repelling a Labour onslaught on his handling of the economy and allaying growing alarm among his own backbenchers.

He will address MPs at the start of a big Commons debate on the economy, with the opposition straining at the leash after the publication last Friday of record trade deficit figures and yet another rise in interest rates.

Mr Lawson will do so against a background of a gloomy survey from the Confederation of British Industry which shows his tactic of using interest rates to slow inflation is damaging the chances of British companies winning export orders by forcing up the pound.

The survey was conducted before Friday's trade figures disclosed a fall from £7.54 billion to £6.76 billion in exports in October and before the rise in bank base rates from 12 to 13 per cent which is expected to lead to a further rise in mortgage rates of up to one per cent from January.

Mr Lawson's backbenchers will be looking for a sparkling performance from the Chancellor and reassurance that he is in control.

What they do not want is a repeat of last month's opposition-inspired debate on the economy in which Mr Gordon Brown, Labour's Treasury spokesman, delivered a powerful denunciation of the Government's economic policies.

Mr Neil Kinnock resumed his party's sustained attack on Mr Lawson yesterday, claiming that his handling of the economy had been "complacent and irresponsible".

Speaking on BBC Radio's *The World This Weekend*, Mr Kinnock condemned Mr Lawson's "dogmatic" adherence to raising interest rates as the sole means of curbing inflation. It meant "small and medium-sized companies are getting clobbered both ways, both with an uncompetitive pound and with huge interest rates".

Calling for credit controls and the reversal of top-rate tax cuts, he said no-one in the Government was more responsible for the present situation than "the complacent and arrogant Chancellor".

However, more worrying for Mr Lawson, there were signs of acute anxiety about the wisdom and effect of higher interests rates from MPs representing a broad spectrum of Conservative opinion.

Mr John Biffen, the former Cabinet minister, said on BBC Television's *On The Record* that Mr Lawson had made such a big misjudgement about inflation that "he clearly has a problem of confidence" and suggested he was in "a very exposed position".

Mr Biffen said Mr Lawson had served with distinction at the Treasury but that he would be pleased if the Chancellor were moved to the Foreign Office at the next reshuffle.

Middle-of-the-road Tory MPs said they believed that Mr Lawson had been a successful Chancellor and did not think his position was in jeopardy. However, they expressed concern about recent economic developments.

Mr Michael Latham, MP for Rutland and Melton, a member of the Commons public accounts committee, said the mood of his colleagues was one of "exasperation and annoyance" at repeated interest rate rises which were hurting home owners and small businesses.

He believed the economic outlook for the next year or so was gloomy. He wanted convincing by Mr Lawson tomorrow that he knew what he was doing. "If he does that, most people will give him the benefit of the doubt, but there is some doubt", he said.

Sir Peter Tapsell, MP for Lindsey East, stockbroker, said he had been arguing for months that rises in interest

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The imminent sale of British Steel could help to trigger a restructuring of the West German steel industry. The leading German banks, which have close ties with the Ruhr steelmakers, are all participating in the British Steel flotation, indicating their confidence in its future.

Thyssen, the biggest German steel group, has confirmed that it is considering a stake in its arch-rival Krupp, which in its turn dismissed the idea of Thyssen gaining control Details, page 25

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Britain set to clash with US on Arafat

By Nicholas Beeston in London and Christopher Thomas in Washington

Britain was set on a diplomatic collision course with the United States yesterday over Washington's decision to refuse a visa to Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization leader, to address the United Nations in New York.

The announcement of the refusal, made at the weekend by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, threatened to isolate Washington from its Western and Arab allies and undermine the Prime Minister's attempts to encourage Washington to embark on a new Middle East peace drive.

Officially, spokesmen in Whitehall refused to comment on the US decision, emphasizing that the issuing of visas was an internal matter for the governments concerned.

The move is, however, bound to disappoint both the Foreign Office and Downing Street, which have been considering having talks with Mr Arafat at ministerial level, probably involving Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

Britain has made no secret of its approval for the Algiers decision by the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian "parliament in exile", to accept UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 598 to support an international peace conference on the Middle East and to reject the use of terrorism.

In a foreign-policy speech at the House of Commons on Friday, Sir Geoffrey emphasized the "urgent" need for an international effort to resolve

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EEC backs project to fight old age

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Scientists have formed an international network for research aimed at tackling age-related diseases, and of solving the riddle of why and how people grow old. The project, supported by the EEC, has been launched because of what its organizers describe as "the greying of Europe".

In Britain alone, there are expected to be more than fourmillion people over the age of 75, and more than a million over 85, by the year 2001, compared with about 3.5 million and under 750,000 in those age groups now.

Molecular biologists from 11 nations, including Britain,

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set up the programme at a private conference in Crete last month. A total of about 30 laboratory groups is involved.

Among the main targets for research is the cause of Alzheimer's disease, the incurable and most common form of senile dementia.

Much of that work is expected to involve British scientists at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Paddington, London.

Other countries involved are Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Holland, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and West Germany.

Chess grandmasters stumped by lovers' gambit

By Raymond Keene and Nicholas Beeston

The Chess Olympiad in Greece over the weekend was dominated by a Russian player and an American coach, who outwitted their colleagues when they executed a move that took three years to plan by marrying in secret and eloping to West Germany.

As the most brilliant minds of the chess world were focused on the board, Yelena Akhmilovskaya, the Number 2 in the Soviet women's team, and the American coach, Johan Donaldson, aged 31, were married on Friday in Salonika and then boarded a plane for Frankfurt the following day.

Last night they were enjoying the second day of their honeymoon in hiding, and waiting for a US visa for the new Mrs Donaldson. They met and fell in love at a world championship qualifying match in Havana in 1985 and their affair blossomed during the World Chess Olympiad in Dubai in 1986.

The Soviet team, which has been plagued by defections but never fallen victim to superpower romance, did not learn of the marriage until Saturday. Yet the wedding, at Salonika town hall, must have been planned well in advance, because the marriage of foreign nationals in Greece can take up to two months of preparation and details must be posted in the newspapers.

Miss Akhmilovskaya has been one of the world's top female chess players for the past 12 years. She became one of the very first players to obtain the newly created title of International Woman Grandmaster in 1976. The following year, she qualified for the first time for the Women's World Championship Candidates' Tournament, the event which determines the challenger for the world chess title.

She reached the peak of her career in 1986, when she challenged the reigning women's world champion, Maya Chiburdanidze, for the world championship.

The Soviet Union has been somewhat unfortunate over the years in the escapes of their top female chess players to the West. The Russians have dominated women's world chess since the end of the Second World War but over the past few years, three of their leading lady players, two of whom have been challengers for the world title, have emigrated, or, in this case, eloped.

Miss Akhmilovskaya eloped when three rounds were still to be played in the Women's Chess Olympiad currently being held at Salonika. She has an excellent score and would have been due to play in all the remaining rounds.

The Soviet ladies' team does, nevertheless, remain ahead of the Hungarians who are their main rivals for gold medals in the women's event.

Mr Donaldson is, or rather was, since he has now been replaced, the non-playing captain of the US men's team which has been fighting England for the silver medals.

INSIDE

Levin on broadcasting

- The members of Britain's television establishment are fearful that their influence (and income) may diminish as a result of the proposals contained in the government's White Paper on broadcasting, Bernard Levin writes today. That fear, he warns, is probably well founded, but the proposals are good news for the rest of us. Page 16

WIN £24,000

- Nobody claimed the Portfolio prize on Saturday and the Accumulator fund now rises to £24,000. There is also the daily prize of £4,000 to be won. Prices: page 30

Communist heads fired

Two Communist Party leaders in Kirovabad and Nakhichevan have been sacked after last week's Soviet ethnic clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis, in which ten people were killed.

In Kirovabad, following an emergency session of the local party, Mr Ramiz Bagirly was replaced by Mr Suleiman Farkhad Ogly Mamedov. In Nakhichevan, Mr Nuraidin Mustafayev lost his job to Mr Geydar Isayev. 12

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£1bn tank choice 'still in balance'

The Ministry of Defence last night strongly denied claims by a Labour MP that a decision has already been taken to buy an American tank in preference to its British rival. Mr Barry Sheerman, member for Huddersfield, said the Government had put off the £1 billion decision "like a coward" because of the record trade deficit.

A decision had been expected on Thursday after Cabinet ministers and Ministry of Defence officials met, but it was delayed and no announcement is likely this year.

Mr Sheerman accused the Cabinet of being involved in a conspiracy to withhold its decision from Parliament until the Christmas recess to avoid criticism of buying foreign goods and adding to the balance of payments problem.

The choice of a replacement for the Chieftain main battle tank is between the General Dynamics M1A1 Abrams and an improved version of the Challenger tank proposed by Vickers Defence Systems, the sole British manufacturer.

Brothers die in blaze

Ricky Davies, aged two, and his brother, Justin, aged one, died when fire swept their council home in Mountain Ash, Mid Glamorgan, early yesterday. Their mother, Mrs Debbie Davies, and three other children were rescued. Mid Glamorgan fire service paid tribute to the brave rescue efforts of neighbours. Mrs Sarah Davies, aged 81, and her son, Mr Thomas Davies, aged 44, died in a fire yesterday at their home at Bow Street, near Aberystwyth.

Radiation payments

A flood of claims by patients who received radiation overdoses is expected after Exeter Health Authority agreed to make early interim payments to victims. So far 65 of the 153 cancer patients who received 25 per cent overdoses at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford, earlier this year have made claims. About 30 of the victims have since died and Mr Hamish Turner, the Torbay coroner, last week said "lack of care" had accelerated the death of Mrs Marjorie Brimblecombe.

Family flees bomb

A man aged 22 is being held by Belfast police after the petrol bombing of a Catholic family's home in Upper Dunmurry Lane in the south of the city early yesterday. The parents and three children, aged 4, 11 and 13, escaped unhurt from the fire but the ground floor of their house was badly damaged. The Royal Ulster Constabulary believes the attack was sectarian. A married couple from Lisburn, Co Antrim, are also being questioned after arms were found when their home was raided by police.

Water poison alleged

A Conservative MP will ask for government action over new allegations of water poisoning in Cornwall unless he gets satisfactory assurances today from the South West Water authority. Mr Gerry Neale, MP for Cornwall North, in whose constituency 7,000 homes were poisoned in July, said he was alarmed by reports that metal contaminant levels in drinking water exceeded European Community safety limits. Last night South West Water said the quality of water could not be guaranteed in the case of bursts but it said recent samples had shown the water to be of drinking quality.

Cambridge Union fire

The debating chamber at the Cambridge Union was saved when the 1854 university building was badly damaged by fire early yesterday morning. Firemen saved 30,000 books in a library immediately above the reception room where the fire started, although the books were damaged by smoke.

Engineers throw down gauntlet on pay policy

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Government was last night on a collision course over wages after a leading trade union leader said Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, could go and "whistle in the dark" if he expected workers to pitch their claims below the rate of inflation.

Mr Gavin Laird, the moderate general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, was speaking as the Engineering Employers' Federation was preparing today to give its response to a claim for a "substantial" pay rise which has been submitted by 14 unions on behalf of 600,000 workers in the industry.

Although the claim has not been quantified, the union side is understood to be demanding rises in basic pay of at least 7 per cent in spite of the warning last week by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, that he will push interest rates still higher if employers continue to agree to "inflationary pay awards".

Last month, Mr Fowler said said that because of tax reductions, wage claims could be kept well below the rate of inflation, running at present at 6.4 per cent. Addressing Conservative trade unionists at the weekend, he said: "We are certainly concerned that pay settlements should not take off again".

Particularly worrying to ministers is that the federation's settlement sets only the "benchmark" for the industry, a minimum below which affiliated firms will not go.

Mr Laird said last night it was nonsense for ministers to threaten workers with the spectre of rising unemployment if they put in wage claims which sought to protect their standard of living.

Mr Laird added: "Our members can read and know that one of the ways of combating inflation and unemployment is to prevent people in the City awarding themselves incredible pay rises of £1 million or more".

He said that because of the co-operation of the unions in engineering, unit labour costs had increased by less than 0.8 of 1 per cent and were much lower than in West Germany, one of our main competitors. "Mr Fowler can go and whistle in the dark if he expects us to agree to give our members a wage cut".

● Location payments have changed dramatically over the past two years to become an index of labour shortage rather than a "weighting" to reflect higher living costs, according to a survey of 110 organizations published today.

The survey, by Industrial Relations Review and Report, reveals that the median location payment in London now stands at £1,650 a year.

For office staff in London, the median weighting payment is now £2,250 while location supplements of £3,000 a year and more are common in the financial sector.

Young Prince's shooting day

JULIAN HERBERT



A chilly pheasant shoot over, the Prince of Wales exchanges a word with his son, Prince William, in countryman's flat cap, at Sandringham on Saturday, where the Royal Family have shot since the time of Prince William's great-great grandfather, George V.

Hospitals prepare for strike by nurses

By Our Employment Affairs Correspondent

As London hospitals were last night arranging emergency cover for today's strike by thousands of nurses, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, was expected to agree to meet representatives of the Royal College of Midwives.

But sources in Whitehall said last night that he would meet them only on the same terms as his planned meeting with the Royal College of Nursing — to discuss the appeals procedure, not to reopen talks on regrading.

As the nurses take action today, more than 30 midwives at the North Middlesex hospital in Edmonton are expected to announce details of their "dignified and professional" mass resignation.

Midwives at the West London and Westminster hospitals have also lodged grievances about their grades and the regional health authority is reconsidering the criteria used in regrading.

Nurses in one of Europe's biggest hospitals, the St James's in Leeds, West Yorkshire, are to begin working to grade.

Mr Robin Cook, the Labour Party's health spokesman, said in Birmingham at the weekend that the dispute was part of a systematic attack on the NHS by the Government.

"The nurses' unions are prepared to have their case decided by an independent body but the health minister knows that arbitration will find in favour of the nurses".

The Confederation of Health Service Employees offered to end some working to grade at a Glasgow hospital if Mr Michael Forsyth, the Scottish minister responsible for health, would give a commitment to meaningful negotiations.

Council to survey TV news

The new Broadcasting Standards Council will seek to widen its brief by attending to questions of taste and decency in television news and current affairs programmes, Mr Colin Shaw, its director, yesterday told BBC and ITV executives.

Mr Shaw unveiled his plans after his appointment to head the government watchdog.

He said his first step would be to draft a set of guidelines on sex, violence, taste and decency. The council was set up to allay the fears of politicians and viewers once television is deregulated and new channels begin.

Mr Shaw said he thought the council would have "six months to get it right".

He told broadcasters meeting in Birmingham for a Royal Television Society conference on the broadcasting White Paper: "Once money begins to get tight, standards will begin to go down and that is the moment at which the council will be wheeled into action.

"If we don't get things right fairly early on, the consequence for the council and broadcasters is likely to be that the screw will be tightened and the Government will become more restrictive."

Football plan 'could cause deaths'

The football membership scheme planned by the Government could cause deaths as supporters surged forward at crowded turnstiles, Mr Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation, said yesterday.

Mr Eastwood, being interviewed with Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, on the BBC television programme, *On The Record*, said: "We don't believe the scheme is workable".

He said the scheme, whereby all supporters would need identity cards, would move violence from the grounds into the street.

Mr Moynihan said the scheme would include proposals to stop convicted football hooligans from travelling abroad when either English clubs, or the England team, were playing.

Security services 'beyond the law'

The security services should be allowed to go beyond the law in combating terrorism and espionage and the public had no right to know of their activities, Lord Dacre of Glanton, the former MI6 officer and historian, said yesterday.

Lord Dacre, interviewed on BBC2 about legislation to put MI5 on a legal basis, said: "The security services have to operate in a twilight world beyond the law. Terrorism is outside the law and, in dealing with terrorism and espionage, one must to some extent use methods comparable with their own... is what it comes to." Asked if illegality would be justified in the circumstances, he said: "Controlled and limited illegality, yes".

He said there should be a separate body, trusted by Parliament, with responsibility for the security services.

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Excess may drive mankind to extinction, Duke says

By Ruth Gledhill

The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday said that over-exploitation of resources could lead to the extinction of mankind.

He said that men were in danger of pushing the world into a "winter of death". His comments, on the eve of an environment debate in the House of Commons, were welcomed by MPs from all parties.

The Duke, speaking during an Advent address at St George's Chapel, Windsor, said that if people with power were not careful their decisions "could, in this generation, achieve the ultimate idiocy by starting a process of decline that could make life very difficult for future generations and ultimately condemn our species to extinction".

"What we seem to have forgotten is that God has put limits on the endurance of all natural systems", he said.

"Evidence is mounting that the human species is stretching these limits to the point of breakdown; as though we were pushing the life and systems of our rich and varied globe into a winter of death, without hope of rebirth or regeneration and without the expectation of spring."

The Duke, who is international president of the World Wide Fund for Nature, said that man, because of his intelligence, shared a "special responsibility for all the planet's systems and the life they support".

He said Advent should remind people that "humanity is part of the natural order and that it is our responsibility to give all life on earth the same chance of renewal and rebirth.

"It should remind us that we have no right to exploit it selfishly and ruthlessly to the point where species are reduced and eventually become extinct".

Mr Henry Bellingham, a Conservative MP and member of the all-party environment select committee, said: "He is absolutely right. I hope this will be part of an ongoing process that leads to more government action.

"There is a growing feeling inside the party that this environmental issue is the most important issue facing us."

Mr John Cunningham, Shadow spokesman for the Environment, said: "This is a timely, emphatic and decisive warning to governments that their efforts to protect the environment are far from satisfactory and effective".

Sir Hugh Rossi, chairman of the environment select committee, said: "I have been trying since 1983 to point out the dangers implicit in unrestrained use of world resources. I certainly endorse everything the Duke said."

● A counterpart to the UN Security Council should be established to ensure urgent measures are taken to safeguard the Earth's protective layer of ozone, a meeting of experts will be told in London today (Pearce Wright writes).

The proposal, from Dr Robin Russell Jones, a consultant dermatologist, will be made to a conference organized to examine the health implications of the destruction of the ozone shield by CFCs (Chlorofluorocarbons).

The ozone layer in the stratosphere filters out destructive ultra-violet B rays that would produce a massive increase in skin cancer and cataracts in people, and fatal damage to animals and plants, if allowed to reach the ground.

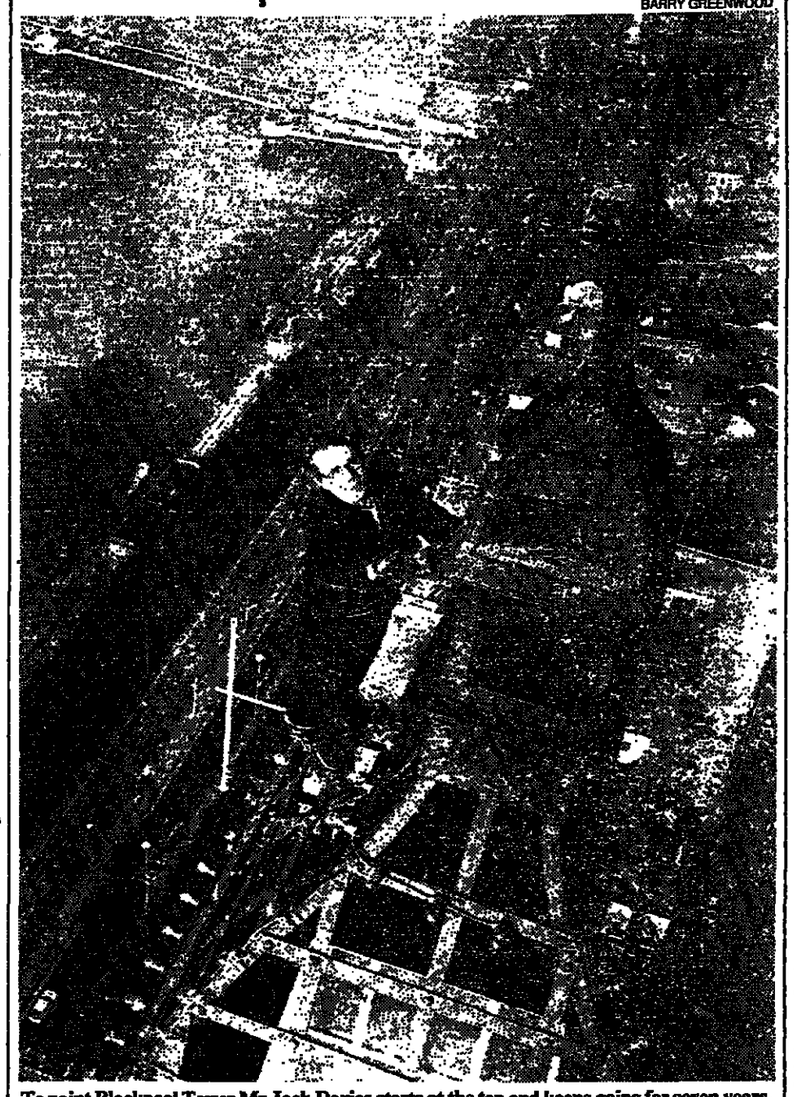
Dr Russell Jones, a specialist on the effects on children of air pollutants such as lead, and chairman of today's gathering organized by the Consumers' Association, has applauded Mrs Thatcher's decision to call an international conference of environment and industry ministers in London, in March, to discuss action to protect the ozone layer.

However, he believes a summit involving Mr Gorbachev and other heads of government is needed for urgent action to be taken.

Their goal would be to ensure a more rapid end to the use of the compounds, used in aerosols, refrigerators, air-conditioning units and fire-fighting equipment, which are "eating" into the ozone layer.

Painting the tower red again

BARRY GREENWOOD



To paint Blackpool Tower Mr Jack Davies starts at the top and keeps going for seven years. He is one of a team of 20 men who by 1995 will have brushed on nine tons of red lead paint, finishing coat and finally a special rubberized protective paint to guard against the salty air. The tower has been painted only seven times during its 97 years, but the paint is three quarters of an inch thick in some places, and has proved so effective that 90 per cent of the tower's steelwork is the original metal. The painters, who each year also have to replace 10,000 light bulbs, will work all year round. "Only high winds keep the men away from the highest reaches of the famous skyscraper", Mr Eric Redfearn, chief engineer, said.

Church is criticized in Mackay case

By Kerry Gill

The "eccentric" behaviour of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland in disciplining Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, for twice attending a Roman Catholic requiem Mass, is criticized strongly today in an editorial of the Church of Scotland's official magazine, *Life and Work*.

Mr Robert Kernohan, the magazine's editor, says: "His suspension as an elder is an embarrassment not only to its very distinguished victim but to all his fellow-Presbyterians".

Mr Kernohan's outspoken censure comes after Lord Mackay's suspension as an elder and from taking communion for six months by the Southern Presbytery of the Free Presbyterian Church.

Lord Mackay was summoned to the presbytery and asked to explain why he attended services for the Scottish judge, Lord Wheatley, who died in July, and for Lord Russell of Killowen, who died in 1986.

Mr Kernohan says that the Lord Chancellor is among the most gracious of Scots Christians and Presbyterians.

Mr Kernohan emphasizes that people attend funerals to show respect and sympathy.

The editorial says that the behaviour of the presbytery was misguided on three counts. One, that it intruded into an area which should be left to private judgement, and secondly, that it was "markedly deficient" in Christian charity and realism. "That would be true if Lord Mackay had found good cause to attend a Hindu, a Mormon, or a Marxist lawyer's funeral".

Thirdly, it was a betrayal of all the Protestants must do and show in their response to Roman Catholicism.

Aids epidemic is still on the increase

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A new government-funded Aids campaign to be launched tomorrow will give a warning that the epidemic of the disease in Britain is increasing, in spite of suggestions that it may have reached its peak.

The Health Education Authority campaign is aimed particularly at teenagers and young adults. Specialists believe they are the most vulnerable, through sexual intercourse, to infection by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

The authority and the Department of Health both believe that new warnings are necessary to counter any public complacency about Aids. The campaign is one of a series of initiatives which will be launched by various groups this week to mark Thursday's "World Aids Day", designated by the World Health Organization.

Figures from the organization show that by November 1 almost 125,000 cases of people with Aids had been reported from 142 countries. However, WHO experts estimate the true total at more than 300,000, with between five and 10 million others infected with HIV.

Almost 2,000 people in Britain have contracted the disease, of whom just over 1,000 have died. Another 50,000 or more are believed to be carrying it.

Senior officials at the Public Health Laboratory Service have detected a slowing down of the rate of increase among homosexual and bisexual men, but say that a slow spread continues within the heterosexual population.

The detectable slow-down will mean that there will have been perhaps 1,000 fewer Aids cases in the UK than were predicted three years ago. However, it is now known that the incubation period of the virus can be eight or more years.

The Government announced last week that early next year it will introduce anonymous testing of blood samples for traces of HIV

Genetic fingerprinting

DNA testing comes of age

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Murderers and rapists have been convicted, immigrants have established a right to enter Britain and about 1,500 children know for certain who their father is as a result of genetic fingerprinting.

Genetic testing, which has been offered commercially for only 18 months, has become accepted internationally as a means of deciding family relationships and is the most significant advance in crime detection since fingerprinting.

DNA fingerprinting evidence has been used to obtain convictions in about 25 cases of rape and murder in Britain. Mr Philip Webb, general manager of Cellmark Diagnostics, a subsidiary of ICI, said: "In every case where the evidence shows that a suspect was at the scene of the crime, he has been convicted of the offence".

At least 100 other cases of alleged rape and murder, in which DNA testing has been carried out, are pending. Cellmark is the world licensee of the DNA fingerprinting technique discovered by Professor Alec Jeffreys at Leicester University.

A pilot study carried out to assess DNA fingerprinting in immigration cases, published last July, confirmed that the technique was the best available for proving family relationships conclusively.

In about 1,300 cases, each involving an average of three children, about 90 per cent of claimed relationships have been proved to be correct. Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said the cost of the tests would have to be met by applicants rather than by taxpayers.

The tests are based on the uniqueness of each person's genetic make-up, determined by the DNA molecule in all living organisms. Samples of blood, tissue, semen or hair root provide identification.

About 45 per cent of the tests have been used in paternity disputes. Immigration rights of entry, mostly from the Indian sub-continent, account for 40 per cent and forensic science for 15 per cent.

Requests for tests in civil paternity disputes more than doubled this year to more than 2,000 cases. In about 80 per cent of cases, the alleged father has been proved to be the parent. Forensic cases have increased from a handful last year to more than 250 this year.

The tests, mostly forensic, have been carried out at Cellmark's laboratory at Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Inquiry opens on new town scheme

A public inquiry which begins tomorrow in Rowstock, Oxfordshire, marks the start of another chapter in the dispute over how and where to meet the demand for more homes in south-east England.

Consortium Developments, a group of nine housebuilders, wants to build a new country town of about 5,000 homes, provisionally named Stone Bassett, close to the M40 east of Oxford.

The inquiry is into its appeal against what it says is excessive delay by South Oxfordshire District Council in reaching a decision.

The company first outlined its proposals for a network of new, privately-funded, planned communities in April 1985.

It says it offers an alternative to urban sprawl and the "unnatural" expansion of existing towns and villages.

Its first proposal, for Tillingham Hall in Essex, was rejected because it would have infringed Green Belt restrictions.

But it has taken heart from a statement by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environemnt, that "well-conceived schemes in appropriate locations, may have a part to play in meeting the demand for new housing".

Local authority attitudes within a triangle formed by Norwich, Swindon and the Channel ports, vary considerably.

East Anglia is enjoying an economic boom, and Consortium's plans for a new development north of Cambridge, called Westmere, seem likely to be approved.

Surrey and Hertfordshire have long been largely suburbanized.

So the battle against development is led by Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Hampshire, which still regard themselves as predominantly rural counties, whose infrastructure is unsuited to cope with further urbanization.

The Government's decision on whether to sanction another Consortium plan for a "new town" called Foxley, at Bramshill, in north-east Hampshire, is expected early in the new year.

Christmas cake egg ban by WI

By Patrick O'Hanlon

Icing and marzipan on Christmas cakes baked by the National Federation of Women's Institutes will be made from albumen powder and not raw egg, because of fears of salmonella poisoning.

The Government has urged the egg industry to tackle the problem of salmonella in eggs and poultry.

Mrs Janet Morgan, vice-chairman of WI markets, said: "We are taking precautions and advising people to use a cooked marzipan recipe instead of raw eggs". Albumen powder would not affect the quality of the marzipan or royal icing, she said.

Egg sales have remained buoyant after Department of Health warnings that eating uncooked eggs can lead to salmonella poisoning.

More than 30 million eggs are eaten daily in Britain. An estimated 450 people have been affected this year.

However, the National Farmers' Union said the risk of getting food poisoning from an egg is one in 200 million.

Men splash out on grocery trips

By Ruth Gledhill

Men who go grocery shopping with children spend two and a half times the average and double what they meant to pay out. When on buying trips with women they also buy more and spend 60 per cent more than average.

A survey by Harris International Marketing, *The Importance of Sex in Multiples*, has found that men shopping with other men are the biggest spenders on beer. On their own, males spend much less than women or couples on meat, crisps, sweets and chocolate biscuits and prefer to buy bread, fresh milk, fresh vegetables and fruit.

Most men have no idea of the prices of popular products such as Heinz baked beans, Nescafe, Persil Automatic and Andrex twin-packs. They prefer Safeway and Tesco, citing convenience as the reason and, with the exception of male shoppers at Sainsbury's, they take less than the average time getting to stores.

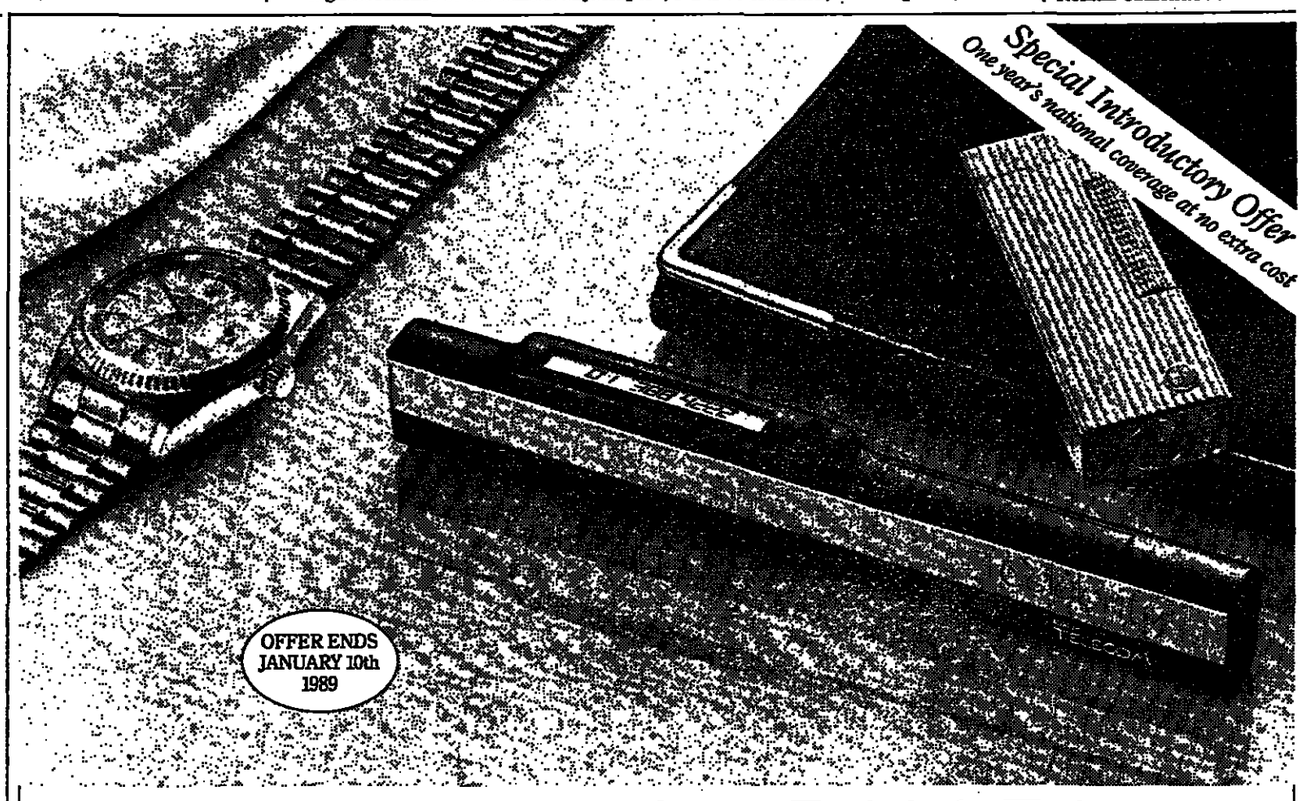
The report, says 39 per cent of shopping trips include men and account for 32 per cent of expenditure. Most men who go grocery shopping — 90 per cent — go on their own, 19 per cent go with women, 6 per cent with other men and 5 per cent with children.

With the exception of Asda, men shop more often than average at their favourite shops. The Gateway shopper is the most frequent of all.

Men are less impressed by price, quality, range of goods and store facilities than they are by convenience.

The exception are Sainsbury's men who take longer to get to the store than averageand will travel further. Half gave quality of goods as the reason compared with 1 per cent of Asda shoppers.

The Importance of Sex in Multiples (HIM, Morley House, 320 Regent Street, London W1R 5AF; £50).

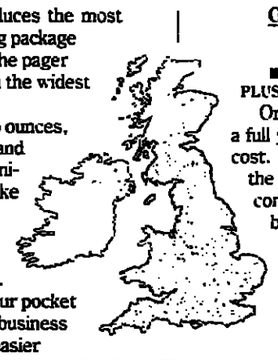


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Dispute with US jet engine makers may delay crash report

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Publication of the official report into the Manchester aircraft fire of August 1985, in which 55 people died, could be delayed for up to another year because of a dispute between the crash investigators and the manufacturers of the aircraft's engines about its wording.

An initial draft report into the accident was strongly critical of Pratt and Whitney, the American company which made the engines for the Boeing 737 jet which caught fire as it was taking off.

Senior officials from Pratt and Whitney felt strongly that they were being unfairly criticized over the design of the combustion chambers within the engine which exploded, and asked for the report to be rewritten to reflect their concerns.

A team from the Department of Transport's air accident investigation branch visited the company in the past few weeks and was given a detailed briefing from engineers about how the engine was designed and maintained. They agreed to modify the report.

Now a revised version will be sent out in the next few months, although it is still expected to be highly critical of Pratt and Whitney and others.

If the report is still what Pratt and Whitney regards as "unfair" it will consider asking for a judicial review which could take at least six months, and the findings of which would be appended to the AIB report.

The engine makers said last night that it was "premature" to say whether they would call for such a review or not.

Mr John Beardmore, a survivor of the accident, who has formed a safety pressure group called Sci-safe, said last night that any further delay in the reports's publication would be "appalling".

The group is to meet the Civil Aviation Authority today in an attempt to get the publication speeded up and to demand action on some of its findings.

The matter is, however, outside the control of the authority, which believes it has already acted on a long list of measures to prevent such an accident happening again.

The authority remains sceptical, however, about the compulsory fitting of smoke hoods to all commercial aircraft. Instead, it is pinning great hopes on a new water sprinkler system which in tests has proved extremely effective and which Mr Beardmore himself described as "very exciting".

● Two days of talks are to start in Washington today in a renewed attempt to settle a dispute between Britain and the United States over flights to Manchester.

Three US airlines want to operate direct flights between Manchester and New York and Boston, but they are being refused by the British Government, which is seeking extra rights for British carriers to serve American cities.

Manchester Airport, owned by a consortium of local authorities, wants American Airlines and Northwest Airlines to be given the go-ahead as soon as possible to boost the economy of the region.

British Airways, which operates a service from Gatwick, stopping at Manchester and on to New York, is opposed to any deal which would give the American carriers "something for nothing".

The good life on offer at local cinema

ALAN HOWARD



Mr David High, who has given up his job in the City, outside the Regal cinema, Cromer, which he has bought.

An oil company executive will realize a life's ambition this week when he takes over as manager of one of England's smallest cinemas, the Regal, at Cromer, Norfolk (Emma Wilkins writes).

Mr David High, who paid £155,000 for the cinema, will sell his house in Surrey's commuter belt, uproot his eight cats and two dogs and invest several thousand pounds in equipment and furnishings.

Mr High has given up his job with Shell International Petroleum, where he earned more than £25,000 a year. However, he is confident his investment in the cinema, which faced closure in 1986, makes business sense.

"It is a dream come true. Cinema is in my blood. But I would not be going into it unless I was absolutely certain it was going to be a commercial success", he said.

"Since leaving school, I have done virtually every part-time job there is in cinemas from making popcorn to running the bar and working in the box office. So when I was looking for another job, the logical choice was to do something that I knew a lot about."

Mr High, aged 38, who takes over on Friday, said: "Some of my colleagues think I am crazy to take the risk, but most of them are a little envious because I won't have to suffer the hassles of commuting to London each day. The quality of life is so much better up here: the air is clean and I am surrounded by peace and quiet. The most wonderful thing is that I am working and living with people who actually care about other people, which you don't find in London any more."

Sergeant faces expulsion from SAS

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

A sergeant in the SAS faces expulsion from the regiment after he was convicted at a court martial last week of the "illegal possession and sale" of an unlicensed pistol.

The sergeant was reduced to the rank of corporal. Two other SAS soldiers denied charges relating to unlicensed weapons and were acquitted.

The case against the three members of 22 SAS Regiment was heard at Chelsea Barracks.

It is believed that the sergeant was an SAS armourer and that the pistol, a 9mm Browning automatic, had been captured from the Argentinians during the Falklands War in 1982.

The sentence imposed on the sergeant is subject to confirmation.

Meanwhile, it emerged yesterday that the SAS has taken steps to increase safety at its barracks in Hereford.

In January 1985, Staff-Sergeant Raymond Abbots, an experienced SAS instructor, was killed as he took part in a training exercise inside the "Killing House". A book about the SAS says a new house has been designed.

Ambush, The War Between the SAS and the IRA (James Adams, Robin Morgan and Anthony Bambridge, Pan Books; £3.99).

Breakaway prison union planned

Former senior officials of the Prison Officers' Association who were dismissed in a pay dispute are to set up a breakaway union next month.

The Prison Service Union hopes to attract thousands of officers and other workers and could have a no-strike policy.

It will be led by Mr Peter Rushworth, former deputy general secretary of the association, who was dismissed earlier this year along with four assistant general secretaries.

They won £60,000 in an out-of-court settlement earlier this month after claiming unfair dismissal at an industrial tribunal.

A provisional constitution is being drawn up for the union and Mr Rushworth hopes to have a formal launch *in a few weeks.*

"Our members are likely to be asked to agree to a no-strike policy, but it will be up to them to make a final decision", he said yesterday.

Mr Rushworth accused the Prisom Officers' Asscoiation leadership of being too political. "We want to get back to the basics of trade unionism in the prison service. There is a lot of discontent among members of the POA because confrontation is the only policy the association's leadership has", he said.

Members of the new union will also be asked to vote on TUC affiliation.

The four former assistant general secretaries of the POA, Mr Jim Kay, Mr Jim Jeffrey, Mr Phil Hornsby and Mr Malcolm Thomas, together with Mr Alec Leathwood, who resigned from the POA executive in protest at the dismissals, will form the new union's council.

Mr Rushworth has held informal talks with the Home Office about the new union.

● The Howard League yesterday said it was appalled that the idea of contracting out the management of remand prisons should be put forward by the Government.

"Prisons are a public trust, to be administered by public servants who are loyal to the state's highest interests", a *league report said.*

The report will be sent to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, as a response to the Green Paper, *Private Sector Involvement in the Remand System.*

Miss Frances Crook, director, said: "Prisoners, particularly people waiting to go to court, are too vulnerable to exploit for profit".

The National Association of Probation Officers said in its response to the Green Paper that it was morally wrong for firms and individuals to make money out of imprisonment.

Trials to be held for emergency phone link

By Tony Dawe

Plans are being made for an emergency telephone system to cope with big disasters, where friends or relatives may be unable to get vital information because of blocked telephone lines.

Trials will be held early in the new year at the Bristol telephone exchange used for new share issues to see if it can handle the tens of thousands of calls which could follow news of a disaster. British Telecom is also investigating whether the 0800 linkline system could be used as a national emergency number.

The search for a more reliable telephone system in emergencies is one of the few positive steps to come out of the recent disasters, including the King's Cross and Zeebrugge catastrophes. Some indication of other developments being considered may be given tomorrow when Lord Ferrers, Minister of State at the Home Office, opens the international Emergency 88 congress in London.

After the capsize of the Herald of Free Enterprise off Zeebrugge on March 6, 1987, so many people called the Kent police inquiry number in Maidstone that the Maidstone exchange became completely blocked and there was a "knock-on" effect through much of Kent.

The emergency services could not make calls themselves and had to resort to radio communications.

British Telecom has been working with the Association of Chief Police Officers to find a better way of gathering information about casualties and relaying it. At the trials in Bristol in January, Telecom staff will be joined by Avon and Somerset police in manning the telephones, which are all linked to a computer in the share flotation exchange. Police from throughout Britain will then flood it with calls.

If the exchange stands up to the strain, it could serve as the emergency reporting centre.

England chess victory puts medals in reach

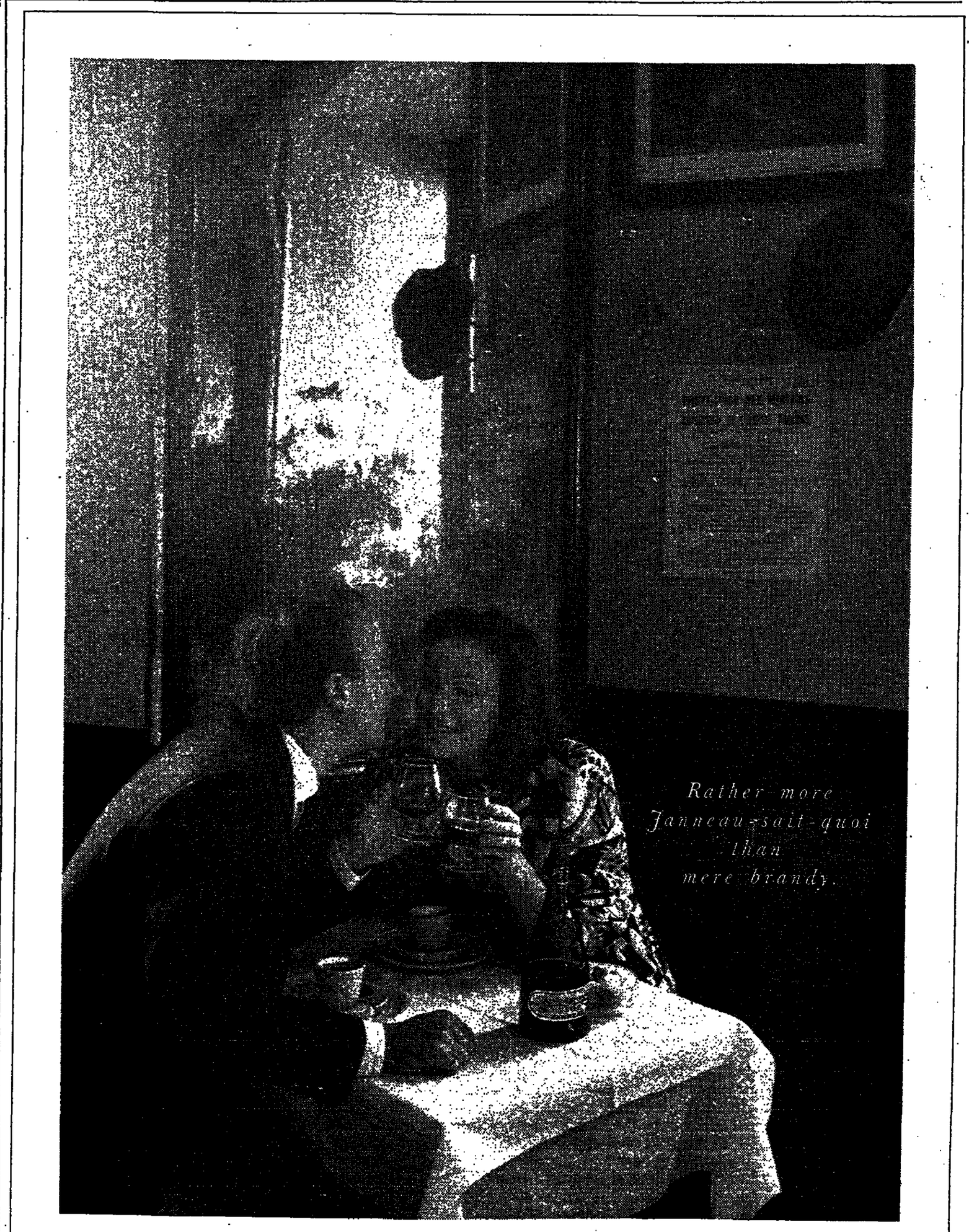
By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The English team scored its best result to date by trouncing its main rival for the silver medals, Hungary, in round 12. The English team's performance up to now had been erratic but in this key match it performed brilliantly and crushed the opponents by three points to one. The silver medals seem safe for England.

Individual results in the England-Hungary match from round 12 were: Short (playing black) drew with Portisch; Speelman beat Sax; Nunn beat Pinter; Chandler drew with Csom. Top scores with two rounds to go are: Soviet Union, 34 points; England, 31; The Netherlands, United States and Yugoslavia, 29½.

The Philippines are also well placed with a number of favourable adjourned games.

The Chess Olympics in Salonika, Greece, were shaken at the weekend by the news that John Donaldson, captain of the American men's team, had eloped with Helena Akhmilovskaya, a member of the Russian ladies' team. Sources in Salonika said that this was not a question of a defection; simply a marriage. Akhmilovskaya, who is divorced, leaves a child aged seven in the Soviet Union, who she hopes will join her.



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More schools want to opt out as councils fight parents' ballots

By David Tytler, Education Editor

The National Union of Teachers is to investigate the number of schools which have fallen into decay. They plan to use the Education School Premises Regulations 1991 which require local authorities to improve the structure of schools and to complete repairs. Mr Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary designate, said: "Bad working conditions create problems for teachers and pupils alike".

Many more schools are seeking grant-maintained status to receive funds directly from the Government in spite of increasing argument surrounding schools who want to opt out of local authority control.

Twenty schools have said publicly that they wish to manage their own affairs after parents' ballots at Skegness Grammar School, Lincolnshire, and St James Church of England Comprehensive School, Bolton, Lancashire, showed a big majority in favour of opting out.

Governors at Skegness, which wants to leave the control of the Conservative-run Lincolnshire County Council because of changes in its admission procedures, have sent proposals for running the school to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science. Objectors have until January 18 to register complaints.

Mr Christopher Hampson, headmaster of St James, hopes to send proposals this week. Mr Baker's decision on whether to allow the schools to go ahead is expected by next April so that they can opt out at the start of the school year next September.

Elsewhere, opting out proposals are running less smoothly. Parents and governors at Heckmondwike Grammar School, West Yorkshire, which is threatened with closure, are considering legal action against Kirklees council for obstructing proposals for a parents' ballot, which starts today. Some parents have accused the Labour authority of confusing parents by holding its own ballot.

A ballot is also about to be held at Chesterfield School, Derbyshire, which will lose its sixth form and be forced to accept girls if it stays under the control of the Labour-run Derbyshire County Council. Mr Geoffrey Price, the headmaster, said: "I am concerned that the dispute over opting out will become very bitter. I know the authority is not going to take this lying down. Undoubtedly, there will be problems. Some sort of campaign will be run by the county council putting its case."

At Audenshaw High School, Tameside, Greater Manchester, where a ballot result is expected on December 5, the Labour-controlled authority has set up a company to buy the freehold of the school and has offered alternative jobs to staff who do not want to work in a grant-maintained school.

A teachers' union poll of 48 staff at Audenshaw showed 26 would prefer the school to remain in the control of Tameside council, 10 favoured opting out, four were undecided or had no preference and eight did not vote.

Mrs Glynis Miller, secretary of the parents' action group, said: "Many of the teachers have hedged their bets and have said that they would work at the school if we opted out. Many are young and the pressure got too much for them. Some may leave but we will be able to replace them."

● Hundreds of young people are unemployed with no benefits because teachers and career advisers are failing to encourage them to join the Youth Training Scheme, a conference will be told today.

Miss Elizabeth Crowther-Hunt, education director of the Industrial Society, which is organizing the conference, said yesterday: "Some teachers are ignorant of the YTS while others have ideological objections to it. There are problems too with the careers service who certainly do not push the YTS."

Picasso work likely to set new record

JAMES MORGAN



M Guillaume Duhamel, an expert in modern paintings, examining Picasso's "Acrobate et Jeune Arlequin", which is expected to set a new record for the painter's work when it goes under the hammer at Christie's tonight. The present record is £13.7 million, reached 10 days ago. The painting dates from 1904, when Picasso, aged 23, had just arrived in Paris and taken up residence in the bohemian community at Montmartre. There he was to progress from his blue period, through his rose period, to cubism in quick succession. A contemporary describes him in his cold, uncomfortable studio revelling in the "self-mortification" of the conditions, subjecting as it did his spirit "to tortures so long as they spur him on". The painting was bought by a German museum during the 1910s, but in 1939 it was auctioned off by the Nazis, who had condemned it as degenerate art. Roger Janssen, the Belgian collector, braved Nazi disapproval, buying the painting for Sw£80,000. A significant part of its history has been unearthed from research by Mr James Roundell, of Christie's. "Ten out of ten people say this painting is better than the one that fetched the record in New York", he said. "It is all a question of who's got the money."

TV station in deal on cosmonaut selection

By Kerry Gill

Scottish Television is poised to sign a deal that would enable it to sell coverage of the selection of the first British cosmonaut.

It is hoped that the cosmonaut will travel by space capsule to the Soviet Union's Mir space station in April 1991. Scottish Television is negotiating for exclusive rights to cover the selection and training process

However, the station denied that the candidate would be selected by a "ridiculous game format" as suggested in a Sunday newspaper.

A number of other countries are trying to get their own candidates on to the Soviet space programme, including Italy and Malaysia. West Germany and Austria have already secured agreements with the Soviet Union.

The future managing director of Scottish Television is expected to be the present head of Royal Mail Letters, Mr Bill Cockburn, aged 45, who is likely to be recommended to the board.

The current head of Scottish Television, Mr Bill Brown, retires next June after 27 years on the station's board.

Scottish Television would only say yesterday that Mr Cockburn was a candidate and that there was still "healthy debate" over the appointment. Other contenders are Mr Gus Macdonald, the station's director of programmes, and Mr Alan Montgomery, the finance director.



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WHITEHALL BRIEF
by David Walker

Lop-sided account of public purse

Andrew Likierman is a live wire. Former Think Tank, adviser to the House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee, professor at the London Business School: he knows his Whitehall. So how come his new book, *Public Expenditure: who really controls it and how*, has a dated, perhaps even a jaded feel to it?

It is not the style, which is lucid, or the coverage. Professor Likierman's problem is that the Government has persuaded us it has solved the problem of public expenditure, that the balance of payments deficit may be charging off the graph, but the public finances are in an extraordinarily healthy state.

Books with this kind of title have a musty, late seventies look; has not Mr Nigel Lawson conquered where Mr Denis Healey dared make only tentative steps?

Part of the problem is identified by the professor himself. Public spending is a set of conventional definitions, some of which are highly arbitrary, some controversial.

Take the proceeds from the sale of British Steel, or council houses, or the Northumbria Water Authority. They count as cuts in spending. "Purchases of assets add to public expenditure", Mr Lawson told his fellow MPs, "so it is entirely consistent for sales of assets to reduce it". So whatever might be happening to the big spending totals, privatizations can make the aggregates look remarkably healthy.

There is a deeper reason why public expenditure can appear to be yesterday's issue. As befits a qualified accountant, Professor Likierman follows the numbers, from the centre out to where the money is disbursed. He focuses, like the Treasury, on the first two of the three Es which have dominated Mrs Thatcher's decade, economy and efficiency.

But what happens to the third E, effectiveness? As Professor Likierman says, "in the case of a conflict, economy has tended to win", and cites the decline in the quality of service in Department of Health and Social Security offices as manning levels were cut. He might have cited the recent report carried out by one of the department's own, Miss Margaret Moodie. What is likely to happen to her recommendation that the department (now the Department of Social Security) was not effective until its officials were ensuring claimants were getting every penny of the money they are entitled to, in other words, the departmen should be out there encouraging people to claim ?

The answer is that economy – keeping benefit payments at the minimum – will triumph.So what Professor Likierman presents is a picture which concentrates on controlling the inputs but letting the outputs take care of themselves.

The problem so often is that "policy" is unclear, unthought-through, the product of political whim; it is arational and sometimes even irrational.

Professor Likierman's is a useful book about the vices and clamps, many now much more effectively in place than a decade ago, by which spending on policies can be constrained, but the policies themselves go unexamined.

Yet to consider public expenditure without the public and its choices entering the picture makes for a lop-sided account.

Public Expenditure: who really controls it and how (Andrew Likierman, Penguin Books: £4.99).

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Pressures rise over 'too speedy' closure of mental hospitals

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Mental hospitals are closing faster than the Government has planned, with devastating consequences for those discharged into the community, the National Schizophrenia Fellowship claims today.

It says that four mental hospitals listed by Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health, among those supposedly staying open had already shut when she made her statement.

The fellowship, which is co-ordinating a mass lobby of MPs by schizophrenia sufferers, relatives of sufferers and medical professionals at the House of Commons tomorrow, says that the closures are running out of control, and have not been matched by adequate services in the community.

Miss Judy Welminsky, director of the fellowship, said yesterday: "Seriously ill people are being tossed out on to the street with little or no back-up or proper provision".

The organization, which campaigns on behalf of the 250,000 people in Britain suffering from schizophrenia, has called for mental hospital closures to be halted until proper services are built up in the community.

It claims that 77 mental hospitals are closing or are subject to closure plans, against the Government's figure of 55.

A survey recently conducted by the fellowship showed there were 22 hospitals closing which the Government did not appear to know about.

Miss Welminsky said: "Some regional health authorities are racing ahead with closures and many others are running down or closing hospitals without any real community care alternatives".

She said general managers were under pressure to sell off hospital land to fund new developments and were given bonuses for closing wards and hospitals.

"The Government says its aim is to provide in every health district a comprehensive range of services for the mentally ill. Yet our evidence shows this is not happening."

Last June Mrs Currie said that of the 178 largest mental hospitals in England, 14 had been approved for closure, 23 proposed for closure and 18 listed as possible candidates for closure.

The fellowship survey, carried out in September, shows that four hospitals named by Mrs Currie as having no closure plans had already shut when she made her statement. Eighteen others which were then not subject to closure plans are now due to shut.

The group will also present MPs with the evidence that once patients are discharged they have no back-up services.

A discharge study carried out by Dr Nigel Goldie at the Department of Social Sciences, South Bank Polytechnic, central London, on residents from one hospital for the mentally ill, showed that out of 50 patients discharged only 26 could be found, of whom 19 were suffering from schizophrenia.

Only one was in full-time employment and six were attending day centres.

He said community care for most of those interviewed consisted of a regular injection from a community psychiatric nurse and an occasional visit from a social worker for the most fortunate ones.

Big growth plan for small tree industry

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Mr Peter Chan, with two Japanese maples between 100 and 150 years, who is expanding the small-tree business which he and his wife run with the help of the Enterprise Initiative operated by the Department of Trade and Industry. Under the scheme, the department paid half the cost of marketing advice for the company, Herons Bonsai, of Newchapel, Surrey. Mr Chan, president of the British Bonsai Association, turned professional three years ago.

Motorway repairs

Channon decision on plans for M40

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The final stage of the M40 is to be built to a three-lane standard, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, will announce early in the new year.

The M40 is being extended from Oxford to the Midlands. The development of the section, between Waterstock and Wendlebury, east of Oxford, has been criticized by environmentalists. The Department of Transport had planned to save £4 million by building it with two-lane carriageways with provision for subsequent widening.

Major roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

M25 Surrey: contraflow, jns 11-13 (Chertsey/Staines). Two lanes jn 12 (M3). Outside lane closed daily, both carriageways, jns 11-12 (Chertsey/M3) 9.30am-4pm.
M25 Kent: outside lane closed both directions, jns 3-2 (M20/A2).
M1 Hertfordshire: slip road closures, jn 8 (Hemel Hempstead). Only northbound exit slip open.
M1 Northamptonshire: jn 15 (Northampton) lane closures.
M20 Kent: lane restrictions, jns 11-12 (Hythe/Cheriton).
M2 Kent: London-bound traffic single line, jns 6-5 (Faversham/Sittingbourne).
M23 Sussex: jn 10 (A264) outside lane closed both directions.
M40 Buckinghamshire: contraflow, jns 6-7 (Watlington/Thame). Outside lane closures in both directions from time to time, jns 1-4. (A40/A404).

Midlands, East Anglia

M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow, jns 4-4a (Bromsgrove/M42).
M1 Northamptonshire: lane closures, jn 15 (Northampton).

North

M63 Greater Manchester: Barton Bridge, two-lane narrow contraflow, jns 1-3 (M62/Barton), slip lane closures, diversions. Contraflow, jns 3-6 (Barton/A6144), one lane open both directions.
M62 Greater Manchester: contraflow westbound, jns 21-22 (A640/A672).
M62 West Yorkshire: contraflow, jns 24-25 (Huddersfield/A644).
M180 Humberside: delays jns 1-3 (A18/Scunthorpe) until November 30.
M6/M56 Cheshire: link and slip road closures, diversions.

Wales, West

M5 Somerset: outside lane closed, jns 21-22 (A370/A38), jns 25-26 (A358/A38); nearside lane closed southbound, jns 26-27 (A38/B3181).
M5 Gloucestershire: jns 9-14 (Tewesesbury/Thornbury) lane restrictions both carriageways.
M4 West Glamorgan: lane restrictions eastbound, jns 46-45 (A4067/Swansea).

Plea to Dalkon victims

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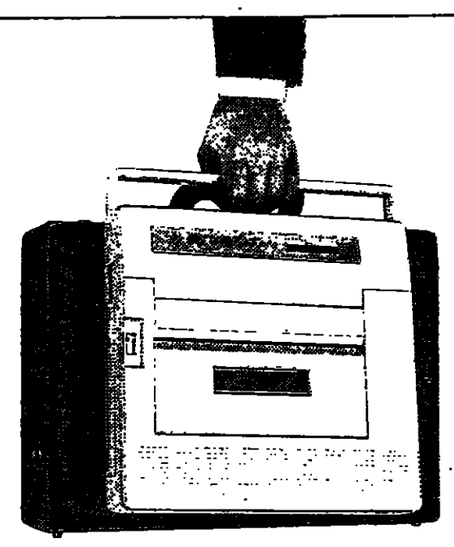
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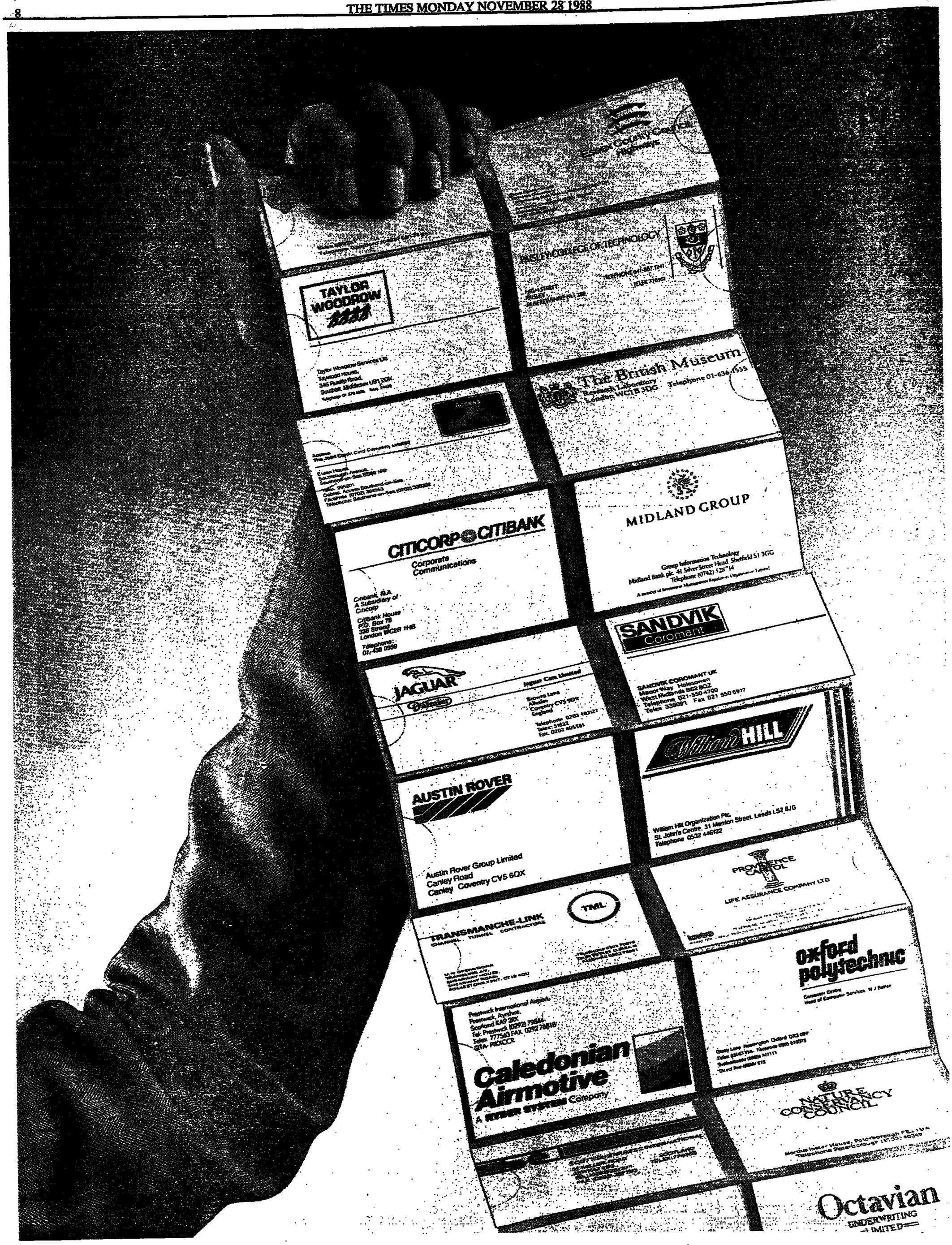
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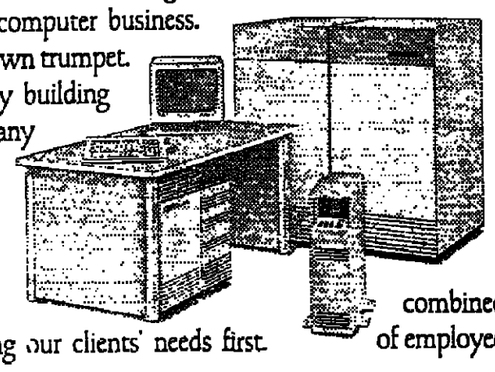
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Angry Arab states want Palestine debate moved

From Christopher Walker, Cairo and James Bone, New York

Jordan and Egypt are to lead an international diplomatic drive to have this month's United Nations' annual Palestine debate moved from New York to Geneva to counter the refusal of the United States to grant a visa to Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who was to have been the debate's main speaker.

Washington's decision provoked an almost unprecedented wave of anti-American feeling in the Arab world, which yesterday led to threats that the PLO's recent switch to a more moderate stand would be reversed if the new Bush Administration did not alter American policy on the PLO.

During Thursday's General Assembly debate, Mr Arafat had been expected to ask the UN to grant a seat to the newly declared state of Palestine. But the US Administration, facing strong domestic pressure against Mr Arafat's visit, refused him permission to enter the country because he "knows of, condones and lends support to acts of terrorism".

Officials said the controversial decision to bar Mr Arafat was an unusually personal act by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who had gone against the advice of Mr Michael Armacost, a Middle East expert and the department's third-ranking official.

Mr Shultz was said to be particularly appalled by the presence at the recent meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers of the convicted terrorist Abu Abbas, a member of the PLO executive committee who was convicted *in absentia* in Italy of murdering Leon Klinghoffer aboard the hijacked cruise ship Achille Lauro.

Egypt, America's main Arab ally, claimed that the State Department's decision cast serious doubt on Washington's claims to be a Middle East peace broker.

"This action contradicts the UN Headquarters Agreement signed in 1947," Dr Ahmed Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said. "It is also against US assertions, as a major party to the peace process, of its commitment to work towards lasting peace in the region."

The joint Jordanian-Egyptian move to have the UN General Assembly's debate switched to the world body's European headquarters was agreed in a telephone call yesterday between King Husain of Jordan and Egypt's President Mubarak.

King Husain also had talks in Amman with Mr Arafat. It is understood that one subject on the agenda was the possibility of convening an Arab summit to respond to the US decision.

Shortly after the announcement of the campaign to have the venue of the debate moved, Dr Abdel-Meguid, and his Iraqi counterpart, Mr Tariq Aziz, said they were postponing the trips to New York they had planned for the debate.

Senior Western diplomats in Cairo said they could not recall such a co-ordinated wave of Arab hostility to the US. Privately, several European politicians expressed dismay at the decision, which they maintained had opened the way for PLO moderates to lose their struggle with the radicals, who opposed the recent decision of the Palestine National Council in Algiers implicitly to recognize Israel.

The United Nations had no immediate comment on the American decision. Sources said, however, that the organization, was likely to lodge an official protest with the State Department.

Under the UN Headquarters Agreement of 1947, the US is obliged to provide rights of entry, transit and residence to people attending the UN in New York.

Congress reserved the right, however, to deny entry to aliens in the interests of national security. This reservation has been used to bar suspected spies from working at the UN and was cited in Saturday's decision.

Mr Arafat, in fact, was able to address the UN General Assembly in November 1974, after he obtained a visa allowing him to enter the US for business purposes.

● **WASHINGTON:** Despite Mr Arafat being given a visa in 1974, when Dr Henry Kissinger was Secretary of State, Mr Shultz took the view that the rise of terrorism as a national and international issue had radically changed the political atmosphere in recent years (Christopher Thomas writes).

The PLO notified the UN on November 8 that it required a visa for Mr Arafat to address the General Assembly, and the UN informed the State Department, using standard procedures, and asked that the visa be expedited.

But, in a departure from ususual practice, the State Department replied that the PLO chairman would have to apply in person, a condition clearly imposed personally by Mr Shultz. Mr Arafat and three aides complied with this requirement through the US Embassy in Tunis on Friday.

Mr Shultz then promptly summoned senior officials to discuss it, finally rejecting the application.

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Rome (Reuter) — The Pope called in his weekly St Peter's Square blessing yesterday for a Palestinian homeland, and suggested Israel should see the Palestine National Council's implicit recognition of the Jewish state as a positive step. It was his first comment on the issue since the Algiers declaration.



A child sharing the limelight as Mr Arafat met King Husain in Amman yesterday.

Libya keen to change its image in West

From Roger Boyes
Rome

Libya's first major attempt in three years to restore relations with the West has generated some enthusiasm in Tripoli, the promise of limited aid from Italy, an ambiguous blessing from the Pope and a hint of suspicion from Washington.

Major Abdel Salim Jalloud, deputy to the Libyan leader, Colonel Gadaffi, yesterday completed his official visit to Rome, which is the first of a series of steps designed to shake off Libya's image as a source of international terrorist finance.

Colonel Gadaffi has recently been improving relations with his North African neighbours — restoring diplomatic links with Chad and opening the frontiers to Tunisia. At home, there have been indications of a more flexible economic policy.

But the Libyan leadership plainly wants to establish a European bridgehead as soon as possible, both to unlock Western credits and aid, and to put pressure on the new US Administration. Italy, with its colonial links to Libya and close economic ties, was deemed a logical starting point. Major Jalloud plans a trip to Paris in January to attend a conference banning chemical weapons.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Mujahidin meet Soviet delegates

Islamabad — Representatives of the Soviet Union and the Afghan Mujahidin alliance met yesterday in Islamabad — the first official meeting between the two adversaries in the history of the nine-year-old conflict (Anatol Lieven writes). The meeting was requested by the Russians to discuss the fate of Soviet prisoners of war in Mujahidin hands.

It took place under Pakistani auspices at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here. The Soviet side was represented by two diplomats, who asked the Mujahidin representatives for a complete list of Soviet prisoners and an account of their conditions. The alliance refused to give numbers but said the prisoners were being well treated. Moscow claims there are 311 prisoners, who are frequently maltreated or even killed. The alliance tried unsuccessfully to raise the issue of Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Meanwhile Mujahidin rebels captured a military post and destroyed two others in Kandahar province, killing dozens of Afghan soldiers, according to resistance sources.

Pakistan date set

Islamabad — Pakistan will be told the name of its next Prime Minister on Thursday, a government spokesman announced in Islamabad last night (Anatol Lieven writes). According to the statement, broadcast on state television and radio, President Ishaq Khan will name the new Prime Minister the day after the National Assembly meets.

The statement also brings forward the opening of Parliament by six days. It had previously been announced that the National Assembly would open on December 5, and no date for the provincial assemblies had been given.

Syrians restrained

Beirut — Syrian soldiers in full battle gear were under orders to observe extraordinary restraint yesterday as the savage Shia Muslim war for the control of Beirut's southern suburbs exploded once again in half a dozen districts of the Muslim sector (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

Despite repeated threats to use force to halt the violence, Syria was still a mere spectator in the bloody conflict between the Amal and Hezbollah militias. According to hospital reports, 35 people have died and 100 have been injured since the battles erupted last Wednesday.

Appeal for Briton

Friends and relations of John McCarthy, the British journalist missing in Beirut, broadcast appeals for his release in Lebanon yesterday as he spent his third birthday in captivity (Nicholas Beeston writes).

The pre-recorded messages, relayed by radio and television stations, included an appeal from his mother, Mrs Sheila McCarthy, to allow her son to send her word of his fate. Little has been heard about McCarthy, aged 32, the acting bureau chief for Worldwide Television News, since he was abducted on April 17, 1986, on his way to the aiport.

Iraq offensive against Kurds

Chemists prove mustard gas use

By Hazhir Teimourian

Three "breakdown products" of mustard gas have been found by British analytical chemists in soil samples recently dug up in Iraqi Kurdistan by Gwynne Roberts, the television journalist, during a journey to the region.

At the time Roberts's film, *The Winds of Death*, was shown on Channel 4 last Wednesday, only one trace chemical, 1,4-dithiane, had been found. But continuing mass spectroscopy has now revealed minute traces of two more related chemicals, 1,4-oxathiane and ethene-1,1-diiobis. All three by-products are thought to result from the incinerating of mustard gas, as when a shell explodes.

The analysis was carried out in Birmingham by Bostock and Bell & Rigby, an independent public laboratory, which was provided by the government chemical research establishment at Porton Down with a sample of pure mustard gas for calibration use.

Dr Alistair Hay, a chemical pathologist at Leeds University and a leading expert on chemical weapons, told *The Times* yesterday that he had discussed the results with the analysts and with experts at the university who had all concluded that they pointed to the use of mustard gas some 12 weeks ago.

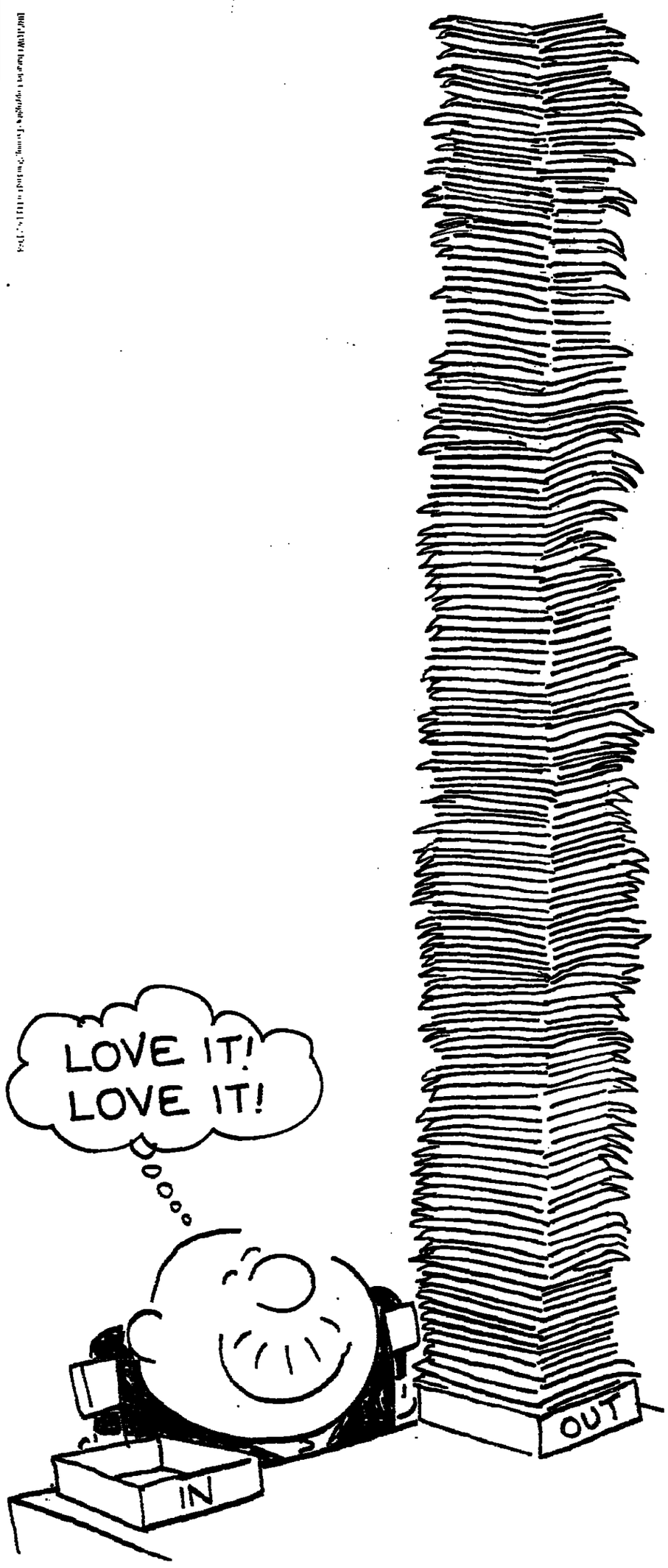
He added that clinical examination of injuries on victims, announcements by Western governments and the testimonies of refugees had convinced him that the Iraqis were using chemical weapons against the Kurds and that, in some ways, undue weight was given to the need for chemical evidence.

"We now have that, too," he said. "We're in the position of a forensic scientist who has to identify an unrecognizable body, but he has the man's blood group, his fingerprints and his dental record."

Asked what he would say if the Iraqis claimed that the contamination had been faked by the Kurds or the Iranians, he said: "I think the idea is fanciful."

The Kurds say that about 10,000 of their civilian compatriots died between March and September this year when their towns, villages and hiding places were attacked with mustard and nerve gases. They claim that about another 40,000 Kurds were massacred by the Iraqi Army using conventional weapons.

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Speculation grows over Mandela release amid rising hopes of peace in southern Africa

Pretoria lets two black nationalists out of jail

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Two veteran black nationalists, both suffering ill-health, were freed from prison unconditionally over the weekend amid growing speculation about the South African Government's next move in its strategy of releasing Nelson Mandela in stages.

Mr Zephana Mothopeng, aged 75, the leader of the banned Pan Africanist Congress, who was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for terrorism and PAC activities in 1979, and Mr Harry Gwala, aged 69, sentenced to life imprisonment for terrorism in 1977, have been released on medical and humanitarian grounds, according to the Prisons Department.

Mr Mothopeng is suffering from a malignant cancer. Doctors have said that Mr Gwala, who has an incurable neurological illness, has at most two years to live.

Mandela is recovering from tuberculosis in a heavily-guarded nursing home in Cape Town. However, in an interview last week with the Reverend Pat Robertson, an American evangelist-politician, Botha reiterated that Mandela would not be freed until he renounced violence.

Western governments have coupled the release of Mr Mothopeng — known as Uncle Zeph to his followers — with their demands for Mandela's freedom.



Mr Gwala: Given two more years to live at most.

He was a founder member of the black power-oriented PAC when it was formed in 1959 in a breakaway from the African National Congress, which stands for a multi-racial South African society.

Before his 15-year sentence in 1979, Mr Mothopeng had served two earlier prison terms — a two-year sentence for incitement during the Sharpeville crisis of 1960 and a further three years imposed in 1964 for PAC activities.

He was arrested again in 1976 at the height of the Soweto riots and after three years in prison appeared in a marathon trial held at Bethal in the Eastern Transvaal. In that trial he received a 15-year sentence.

Last year he rejected an offer of release by President Botha on condition that he renounced violence.

At his Soweto home this weekend, where he was reunited with his wife, Urbania, 66, his main preoccupation appeared to be that he had been freed unconditionally.

Mr Gwala also said the authorities had asked him to renounce violence. "I am not a violent man. I would not undertake to renounce something I was not engaged in," he said.

Amid a welter of speculation here about the next move in the phased release of Mandela, it was reported this weekend that one of the possibilities being considered by the Government is a house for him in the plush Johannesburg suburb of Houghton, home of many of South Africa's rich and famous.

The reasoning is that a home in Houghton, with its acre-sized grounds, could be more easily secured against possible attack. The authorities are known to be concerned at the possibility of an assassination attempt by either left- or right-wing fanatics. However, any further move before Christmas is being ruled out.



Mr Mothopeng being embraced by Mrs Leah Tutu, wife of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in Soweto after being released by Pretoria. He had been serving a 15-year jail sentence.

Certainly none is expected before December 5, when sentence will be passed on four leaders of the United Democratic Front found guilty of treason at the end of a three-year trial 10 days ago. They face possible death sentences.

Ironically, if Mr Mandela is offered a home in Houghton he will need to be given a dispensation under the existing Group Areas Act to live there. This week a controversial Group Areas Amendment Bill, designed to toughen residential apartheid, is to be considered by the President's Council following its rejection by the Mixed Race, Coloured and Indian chambers of the tri-cameral Parliament. It is expected that the Council's National Party majority will recommend to President Botha that some changes should be considered, which will give him an opportunity to shelve it.

Meanwhile, the town council at Springs, east of Johannesburg, where the ultra right-wing Conservative Party won control from the National Party in last month's municipal elections, has removed Mr Botha's portrait from the council chamber.

The new mayor, Mr Dawid Botes, who is a member of the Conservative Party, also refused to propose the traditional toast to the State President when he was sworn into office.

"Those who find it strange live in a completely different world to the Conservative Party," said Mr Gert Parsons, chairman of the management committee and also a Conservative.

The moves follow decisions by the council in nearby Boksburg, also won by the Conservatives, to bar blacks from using recreational facilities and to replace "whites only" signs.

In Mamelodi township, outside Pretoria, riot police gave more than 1,000 mourners five minutes to disperse while the graves of seven blacks, killed when a white gunman ran amok in the streets of the capital two weeks ago, were being filled after a funeral service.

A police spokesman said the order was given under state of emergency regulations. Troops at a roadblock also searched journalists' cars and confiscated film.

A former policeman, Mr Barend Strydom, aged 23, has been charged with murder after the shooting.

Soviet role vital in Angola and Namibia talks

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

It has taken two weeks for the initial scepticism to wear off, but the caution most diplomats showed when Cuba, Angola and South Africa struck an outline deal in Geneva has given way to optimism: the impossible dream of Cuba's departure from Angola and South Africa's from Namibia may become a reality.

The changed mood stems from a reassessment of the Soviet Union's role in assisting Mr Chester Crocker, the tireless American mediator. It is now clear that Moscow intervened to an unprecedented degree to persuade its allies to accept his overtures.

What President Gorbachov said to President Dos Santos of Angola when they met shortly before the Geneva accord may never be known. But the British Government among others is convinced that it was crucial. Last Friday, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, asked the Soviet ambassador to pass on her appreciation to Moscow.

Moscow's continuing support will be essential if the agreed timetable for a Cuban withdrawal is to be realized and if the run-up to independence elections in Namibia is to begin early next year.

The West now thinks that support will be forthcoming. Since the signing of the Afghanistan accords in April, Moscow has become more co-operative in trying to end regional conflicts; its support in the United Nations Security Council helped to bring about the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, and its influence with Vietnam has improved the prospects for a settlement of the Cambodian conflict.

But the task of turning the Angola accord into peace could be hampered by Dr Jonas Savimbi's Unita rebel movement in southern Angola, which last week announced its intention to continue the 13-year war.

Unita and Swapo, the South West Africa People's Organization, which has fought a 22-year independence war in Namibia, were not directly involved in peace talks.

If South Africa withdraws from Namibia and elections are held after a seven-month transition period, as is proposed, Swapo could be the main beneficiary. It enjoys UN recognition as "the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people".

But the election will also involve black and white parties participating in the existing transitional Government of eight ministers, representing six political parties, which has run Namibia's internal affairs since 1985. Although black and white ministers are included, the transitional Government is regarded outside southern Africa as Pretoria's unelected stooge.

Mr Andreas Shipanga, leader of the black Swapo Democrats, said: "People say that Swapo will win the election; they regard it as a foregone conclusion. But they have not realized that there are great divisions within it."

He said the assumption that Swapo would be the automatic choice of the people was based on the fact that its support comes from the Ovambo people, who make up 52 per cent of the population. "But it is not true that the Ovambo are a monolithic group," he said.

Mr Shipanga said that he agreed to participate in the transitional Government because incomplete self-rule was better than direct rule.

Three British MPs who visited Namibia earlier this year pointed out a contradiction between the UN recognition of Swapo and the aim of holding free and fair elections. The terms of the election are set out in United Nations Security Council Resolution 438, adopted in 1978, which is to be implemented as part of the plan.

"It is extremely unlikely that elections will be 'free and fair' if the referee is wearing the colours of one side," the MPs, Mr Michael Grylls, Mrs Teresa Gorman and Mr Andrew Hunter wrote in a letter following their visit.

Deaths in Thai flood put at 1,000

Bangkok — More than 400 bodies have been recovered but hundreds more are still buried under deep mud in southern Thailand after the country's worst natural disaster (Neil Kelly writes).

Five days of tropical storms pounded hundreds of square miles of lush vegetation and hillside villages into mud and debris, and cut off the area from the remainder of Thailand and from Malaysia.

General Chatichai Choonahavan, the Thai Prime Minister, said that probably 1,000 or more people had been killed. Nearly 1,000 were still missing and 300,000 were homeless. Many people were stranded on rooftops and in trees waiting for the flood to recede. Damage was estimated at nearly £3 billion.

Spear fight

Dhaka — Three people were killed and more than 50 others injured as rival fishermen fought with spears over fishing rights in a state-owned lake in north-eastern Bangladesh.

Bugging claim

Stockholm (Reuter) — Sweden has discovered eavesdropping devices in the residence of its Moscow Ambassador, officials said.

Minister goes

Kinshasa (Reuter) — President Mobutu has dismissed Mr Sambwa Pida Mbagui as Prime Minister and brought back Mr Kengo Wa Dondo.

Suicide pact

Delhi (AFP) — Three young women swallowed poison then jumped to their deaths off a waterfall in a suicide pact in the southern Indian state of Kerala.

Mormons die

Lisbon (Reuter) — Two American Mormon missionaries in their twenties died when their car was hit by a train on a railway crossing.

Freighter hunt

Finike, Turkey (AP) — Rescuers launched an air and sea search for the Turkish freighter Sonmezler, reportedly sinking in a Mediterranean storm.

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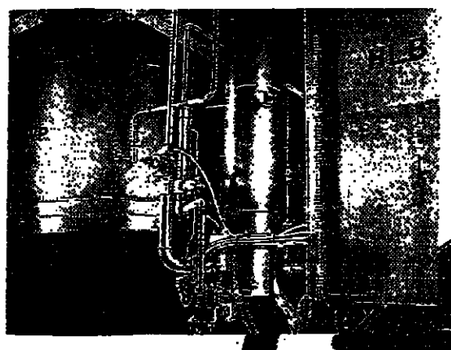


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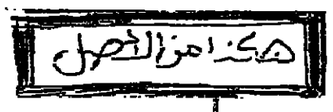
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Doubts over Tower as Bush prepares attack on Pentagon budget

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President-elect George Bush returned from a Thanksgiving Day weekend of jogging and fishing yesterday to begin a week devoted to the Pentagon and the difficult problem of deciding if Mr John Tower, an arms control expert, former senator and long-standing personal friend, should become Defence Secretary.

The two men were in telephone contact at the weekend to discuss reports surfacing in the American press about Mr Tower's personal life, including his two failed marriages and a report that he appropriated $500,000 (about £275,000) in surplus campaign contributions for his personal use after he retired from the Senate in 1985.

It is apparent, however, that Mr Tower remains the front-runner for the job. His use of campaign funds would not be illegal for a retiring member of Congress, but *The Atlanta Constitution* ran a story about the former senator's lavish spending, including personal air travel, banquets, and contributions to South Western University at Georgetown, Texas, which he attended as a student.

A spokesman for Mr Tower said he had paid taxes on all taxable income and had made the required reports about his financial transactions to the Federal Election Commission, the taxation authorities, and the Senate Ethics Committee.

There have also been political concerns about Mr Tower in some quarters of the Bush camp, where it is felt that the former senator, who is close to the defence industry, might resist changes in the Pentagon's organizational structure and procurement procedures, both of which are certain to face sweeping changes once Mr Bush becomes President in January.

The President-elect faces some tough, immediate decisions on future Pentagon spending, which he will begin to tackle this week.

The primary need is to cut about $8 billion to $10 billion from the 1990 defence budget in an attempt to bring the Defence Department's expenditure under control after the unprecedented boom of the Reagan years.

Mr Bush wants his Defence Secretary, National Security Adviser and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency to begin a review as quickly as possible in consultation with Mr James Baker, his Secretary of State.

Mr John Sununu, the outgoing Governor of New Hampshire, who will be Mr Bush's Chief of Staff, said yesterday that "next week you'll see action in a couple of areas associated with defence". He also revealed that he had offered the job of Deputy Chief of Staff to Mr Robert Teeter, the Vice-President's campaign pollster and strategist, who was "considering it".

Mr Tower last week privately met both Mr Sununu and Mr Baker to discuss taking over the defence job. It is understood that discussions centred on who might be Deputy Defence Secretary and who would fill the two under-secretary positions. But it was made clear that final decisions on the appointments would be made by Mr Bush.

The defence review this week might also include consideration of whether Mr William Webster, Director of the CIA, should be replaced. Some of Mr Bush's aides are dissatisfied with his performance, but there is also a feeling that he cannot be removed immediately because it would take too long to bring somebody else up-to-date on the current intelligence analysis needed in the review of defence spending.

Mr Bush also faces early decisions on how to proceed with President Reagan's controversial Strategic Defence Initiative ("Star Wars"). So far, it has cost more than $16 billion, and the Bush Administration will be anxious to show that there has been some payoff, while at the same time curbing future projected spending and, in all probability, gradually winding it down. One idea to be studied will be whether Star Wars can now be focused on destroying enemy satellites instead of incoming enemy missiles. That would represent a much less ambitious programme, but it would be much cheaper and also more feasible technically.

The Democrat-controlled Senate is resolutely opposed to any further substantial expenditure on the Strategic Defence Initiative, and Mr Bush's plans will be tailored towards some sort of system that might avoid a bitter clash with Capitol Hill in his early months in the Oval Office.

His aides are anxiously awaiting the outcome of an election tomorrow to choose a new Senate Democratic leader to replace Senator Robert Byrd. The job will be crucial in determining how Congress will work with a new President pledged to grappling with a huge budget deficit, giving the Democrats, who control both houses of Congress, exceptional leverage in influencing the national debate. The candidates are Mr George Mitchell of Maine, Mr Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, and Mr Daniel Inouye of Hawaii.



Mr John Tower: Doubts about campaign funds.

Kremlin's dilemma over ethnic unrest contrasts with optimism over improved French ties

Party chiefs sacked after Soviet riots

From A Correspondent
Moscow

The two Communist Party leaders of riot-hit areas of Azerbaijan this weekend became the latest casualties of ethnic unrest which spread through the troubled southern republics of Azerbaijan and Armenia last week.

As mass rallies continued in Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, the party leaders of Kirovabad and Nakhichevan were fired by their local party organizations after inter-ethnic clashes between Muslim Azerbaijanis and Christian Armenians last week.

In Moscow, the country's top state authority took a decision which appeared certain to put the Kremlin on a collision course with the fiercely nationalist Baltic republic of Estonia.

The Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, chaired by President Gorbachov, on Saturday annulled the Estonian Parliament's November 16 vote which gave the Baltic republic a power of veto over laws passed in Moscow.

Mr Gorbachov told the Praesidium meeting that the Estonian Parliament had voted "under pressure and blackmail from demagogues and extremists.

"Political adventurism is nudging Estonia on to a fatal path of economic isolationism," he said. The Estonian vote was condemned as "hasty and unconstructive".

The issue of Soviet nationalities has been highlighted because the Supreme Soviet, the national parliament, is tomorrow due to adopt two key Bills constituting the most radical overhaul of the political system in Soviet history.

The Estonians, among other critics of the Bills, believe that the proposed reforms would undermine the autonomy of the 15 republics in favour of Moscow.

Armenians who gathered in a Moscow cemetery yesterday were unusually reticent about saying how many casualties occurred on Thursday when Azerbaijanis pillaged and burned homes abandoned by Armenians fleeing into the city's Armenian district.

The toll from fresh riots on Thursday in Kirovabad, where one-third of the population of 270,000 is Armenian, remained uncertain yesterday as local authorities maintained a new blackout. Yerevan and Baku were under curfew.

The daily *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said 160 people were injured in the most recent clashes in Kirovabad. According to Mr Ambartsum Galastian, an Armenian nationalist in the Armenian capital Yerevan, two Armenians were killed and three women raped during Thursday's incidents.

The Azerbaijanis last week began mass protests in Baku against the construction by the Armenians of an aluminium plant in a nature reserve near the town of Shusha in Nagorno-Karabakh.

They are also demanding that the Armenian-dominated region respects Azerbaijani laws and the resignation of the Armenian-led party organization in the disputed enclave.

In an apparent appeasement gesture to the Azerbaijanis, who have defied the curfew and continued their demonstrations in Baku at night, Tass announced yesterday that construction of the aluminium plant had been stopped, and the last convoy of trucks had left the site.

But it was unclear whether this move would be enough to stop the unrest, which has now gone beyond the Nagorno-Karabakh issue and concerns the age-old hatred between the two ethnic communities.

Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the Soviet poet, appealed in yesterday's Communist Party daily *Pravda* to the Armenians and Azerbaijanis to sit down and negotiate an end to the ethnic crisis. "Don't turn the Caucasus into an Ulster," he pleaded.

Mr Gorbachov has offered to meet representatives of both communities to discuss their grievances with local leaders.



Hundreds of Armenians gathering at a Moscow cemetery yesterday to press for an end to ethnic violence in Azerbaijan after renewed clashes last week.

Mitterrand visit bolsters trade and space links

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

"Next stop Mars" was the somewhat over-optimistic headline in yesterday's *Journal du Dimanche* newspaper following the successful launch on Saturday of the latest Soviet space mission with a French astronaut taking part.

President Mitterrand, who was present at the Baikonur launch pad to see the Frenchman, M Jean-Loup Chrétien, and two Russians launched into space, returned a contented man to Paris after 36 hours in the Soviet Union for talks with President Gorbachov. One of the principal reasons for M Mitterrand's visit was to develop sluggish bilateral commercial relations.

With the French astronaut safely on his way to a 26-day mission on board the Soviet space station Mir, M Mitterrand announced from Baikonur the signing of a still to be defined Franco-Soviet space agreement under which a French astronaut would be included in a one-month Soviet mission every two years over a 10-year period.

Soviet and French scientists will also work together on the exploration of the planet Mars and research into atmospheric changes on Earth.

Summing up the talks between M Mitterrand and Mr Gorbachov from the Soviet point of view, the Kremlin spokesman, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, said Mr Gorbachov had once again pressed for a more lenient attitude towards the Soviet Union by Cocom, the Western body controlling exports of sensitive technology to the Eastern bloc.

According to M Hubert Vedrine, M Mitterrand's spokesman, the French President had agreed that the Cocom list of banned technology should be carefully studied. This attitude, together with the two leaders' views on the "great house of Europe" which must transcend East-West frontiers, further bolstered the French commercial drive.

The French President appeared more guarded, however, on the question of a human rights conference in Moscow than he had been in Paris last month during the visit of Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister. He told Mr Gorbachov that France would have to consult its allies before reaching a common viewpoint.

He had breakfast on Saturday with a group of Soviet dissidents, including two newspaper editors and a Russian Orthodox priest.

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Sydney consulate shot hits boy

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

A gunman opened fire from inside the Yugoslav Consulate in Sydney yesterday and wounded a boy aged 13 as he watched Croats demonstrating outside the compound's entrance gate.

Incensed by the shooting, some 1,500 Croats threatened to storm the consulate building as the gunman took refuge inside and two other men stood guard at the front door brandishing machine guns.

Australian Special Branch officers had to call in police reinforcements to clear the angry Croats from the street outside the consulate in the suburb of Woolhara.

Last night, in an attempt to identify the gunman, detectives were allowed inside the consulate to question officials about the shooting.

What has become an annual protest outside the consulate against the Yugoslav Government and the creation of a socialist republic in 1945 turned ugly after six Croatian youths entered the Belgian Embassy next door. Cheered on by the demonstrators, they climbed over a fence into the grounds of the Yugoslav Consulate intending to pull down the flag.

Suddenly a man waving a stick rushed out of the front door and began hitting people. He then got a pistol out of his pocket and opened fire. On a footpath across the road where he had been watching the demonstration, Josif Dokics fell to the ground with blood pouring from a bullet wound in his neck.

Mrs Barbara Zaher, a member of Sydney's large Croatian community, said: "This man started firing at the crowd and we heard the bullets ricochet-ing against a garage across the road. The boy was standing in front of me. He turned round, took a step backwards, and then collapsed. I was horrified because I saw he had been shot. He was holding his neck and blood was pouring from the wound."

Sergeant Peter Heffernon of Sydney police said: "Police reinforcements were quickly on the scene but there was difficulty in controlling the crowds because everyone was so angry at what had happened. Our initial inquiries indicate the shots were fired from inside the consulate."

The wounded boy had to be given a blood transfusion in the ambulance and after an emergency operation his condition was said to be stable.

Croatian community leaders condemned the shooting and demanded that the gunman responsible be charged.

Last night, the consulate was roped off as questioning by Special Branch detectives continued inside.

In further ethnic violence in Australia, 20 people were arrested in Melbourne on Saturday night after protests at the Yugoslav anniversary celebrations. A policewoman was hit in the face by a brick and had her arm broken during the fighting.

● **BELGRADE:** Yugoslavia protested to Australia yesterday about what it said was an attack on its consulate in Sydney by Croatian nationalists (Reuter reports).

Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, said the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Ilija Djukic, had handed a protest note to the Australian chargé d'affaires in Belgrade.

● **Macedonian protest:** In another demonstration in Sydney 1,000 protesters tried to storm the car of President Sartzetakis of Greece, who is now visiting Australia.

There were violent clashes outside a hotel as Macedonians tried to stop the President's car as he arrived for an official luncheon. Several demonstrators and police were hurt. One of them was in a serious condition.

The Macedonians claim that the Greek Government has abused human rights and tried to suppress their national identity.



Josif Dokics: Young victim of consulate gunman.

Hanoi woos neighbours with hint at wide use of Cam Ranh Bay base

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

In a fresh attempt to seek support among South-East Asian neighbours, Vietnam said it was seriously considering opening its facilities at the Cam Ranh Bay naval base to other countries, besides the Soviet Union.

The suggestion was made by the country's Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Tran Quang Co, who said that the United States would also be included in the offer: "We would like to show the world we are a peaceful country," he said.

Mr Co was briefing journalists before the Philippine Foreign Minister, Mr Raul Manglapus, arrived in Hanoi yesterday for a three-day visit, the first by a Cabinet minister since the two countries normalized relations in 1976.

The Philippines is America's main ally in South-East Asia, while Vietnam is Moscow's ally, and Cam Ranh Bay is the Soviet Union's only docking facility in the region outside of Vladivostok. It is no match for the American air and naval bases in the Philippines, but could be a crucial bargaining chip in any superpower negotiations to withdraw from the region.

When negotiating with Washington earlier this year, Mr Manglapus was highly critical of the American bases, saying they divided the nation. Two months ago, President Gorbachov rejected an offer that his forces should leave Vietnam if the Americans left the Philippines. That suggestion was also rejected by Washington.

Mr Co said Vietnam was keen to know the Filipino perspective of South-East Asia without a foreign military presence. "It would be a test", he said. "The time is ripe to think seriously about ... establishing a stable, non-aligned and neutral region", he said, adding that Vietnam would also be in favour of enlarging the non-communist Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) to include Vietnam and other countries. The apparent olive branch being held out by Moscow and Hanoi in the Asia-Pacific region is being met with caution by the non-communist countries, most of which have prospered under the American military presence.

But, in the past year, the Soviet Union has been conducting a slick public relations campaign to allay fears about accusations that it wants to destabilize and raise tension in the area.

Mr Gorbachov has sent an expert on American policy, Mr Oleg Sokolov, as Moscow's Ambassador to Manila. He is courting businessmen, journalists and and pro-American politicians and several have been given all-expenses paid trips to the Soviet Union in an attempt to win their support.

One senior British Foreign Office official said Asean should remain hard-headed about Mr Gorbachov's Asia-Pacific initiative, and an Asean academic said it should be approached with thorough analysis of what the Russians are really up to. "The tactics and strategy have changed because the Soviet military dimensions have not paid off. But the stakes have not changed and the objectives have not changed," the director of the Institute of South-East Asian Studies, Professor K.S. Sandhu, said.

The future of the bases both in Vietnam and in the Philippines is high on the agenda of the Manglapus visit, particularly as he has said that the American military presence will eventually have to end.

More negotiations with the Americans are due to start next year, and the Government in Manila has not yet revealed its long-term plans.

Mr Manglapus says that the vision for a neutral South-East Asia is not a matter for the Philippines and Vietnam to decide, but one to be negotiated between the Soviet Union and the United States. However, he agrees with Mr Co that the time is ripe for such negotiations.

Onassis will was drawn up only six weeks before death

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Christina Onassis made out her will barely six weeks before her sudden death, aged 37, leaving all her fortune in a trust for "my beloved daughter Athina".

The will, neatly handwritten in English and dated Geneva, October 12, 1988, names the child's father, M Thierry Roussel, her fourth ex-husband, and four trusted Greek advisers of the Onassis family, to manage her estate until Athina, who will be four in January, comes of age.

M Roussel, aged 36, a French businessman, who also receives an annuity for life of £700,000, was the chief mourner at the shipping heiress's burial on Saturday in the chapel of Panayitsa on the island of Skorpios.

Close friends and relations who attended the solemn rites in cold, drizzly weather, included the 11th Duke of Marlborough who had been Christina's step-father. Miss Onassis's will was filed with the Athens Court of First Instance on Friday and will be promulgated today.

Lump-sum legacies of £1.1m each were left to Mr Stelios Papadimitriou, her legal adviser, Mr Paul Ioannidis, former chief pilot of Olympic Airways, and Mr Apostolos Zambelas, treasurer of the Onassis Foundation, who served her "on a benevolent basis" after her father's death in 1975.

They managed her fortune and, more important, her personal affairs including four divorces. With Mr Theodore Gavrielidis, the house lawyer, they are the four Greek executors of the will.

In her will, Miss Onassis urges the five trustees "to manage with full powers, prudently and diligently, my estate for Athina".

An informed source estimated the value of the assets at no less than £250 million, in the form of shipping, real estate and stock. The empire is known to consist of some 25 tankers and freighters.

There is property in Monte Carlo and New York; flats in Paris; villas on the Riviera, Geneva and Athens; the 300-acre island of Skorpios; works of art and jewellery, as well as the Villa Crystal in St Moritz, which was her own and Athina's legal residence.

Athina is now in the custody of her father, but it is unclear where they will live. Mr Papadimitriou, said: "The upbringing and happiness of the child is of utmost importance to us. The rest is immaterial."

Tobago leader seeks vote of confidence

From Jeremy Taylor
Port of Spain

Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister, Mr Arthur Robinson, is hoping for a solid vote of confidence in today's Tobago local elections.

The ruling National Alliance for Reconstruction (NAR) is expected to retain control – Mr Robinson is from Tobago and is a former chairman of the island's House of Assembly – but he needs a big display of support to rally the party after two years of turbulence, including a split in the leadership, and a resort to the International Monetary Fund.

The IMF last week approved a loan of almost $110 million (£61 million) from its compensatory financing facility to offset the damage from lower oil revenues, which fell by 25 per cent in the first half of this year. The Government has requested stand-by credit of the same amount.

Lower oil prices and falling oil production have forced the economy into a steady contraction since 1982, leading to unemployment of more than 22 per cent, the complete drying up of foreign exchange reserves, and two evaluations in three years. The impact on living standards and jobs has been so severe that the World Bank warned the country this month that "the exacerbation or persistence of the declining economic trends cannot continue for much longer without endangering the social stability of the country."

This month Mr Robinson also announced a debt rescheduling agreement in principle with 85 commercial banks, and said that he expected an agreement on the country's official debt with the Paris Club by the end of the year.

Mr Robinson claimed that these agreements demonstrated international confidence in his handling of the economy. "This is our programme" he said "not one dictated by any interntional institution."

The oppositon People's National Movement attacked the IMF deal, however. Its finance spokesman, Senator Ken Valley, said it meant "going on our hands and knees to the IMF and saying – anything you want me to do, I will do."

Under Mr Robinson's programme for resuming economic growth, foreign exchange has been tightly rationed and government spending savagely cut. The Government is to divest holdings in several sectors, including steel, cement and telephones. A minority holding in the telephone company is expected to go to either British Telecom or Cable and Wireless. Export processing zones are being established, the public service is being reduced, and oil companies have been given new incentives for exploration and drilling.

Trinidad and Tobago is belatedly climbing on to the bandwagon of Caribbean tourism, although the Tourist Board chairman, Mr Allan Clovis, admitted this month that the board may have to close its overseas offices, including its London office, because it cannot pay the rent.

Mr Robinson is going all out to attract foreign investment, with a gradual reform of the tax system and the removal of red tape, including restrictions on land ownership. The IMF has been assured that trade barriers are to be phased out.

This economic programme has been fiercely attacked by the labour unions. The Committee for Labour Solidarity announced this month that it would form a new political party by next April, to represent "workers, unemployed, women, youth, farmers, small businessmen, patriotic intellectuals and professionals".

This will be the second new left-wing party to be formed. The impatience of the NAR's left wing with Mr Robinson and its steady public criticism of him led in September to the expulsion from the party of the deputy Prime Minister, Mr Basdo Panday, and two other ministers, Mr Kelvin Ramnath and Mr Trevor Sudama.

A number of NAR backbenchers are also associated with the Panday group which has been formalized as Club 88 – the caucus for love, unity and brotherhood. At a rally in October, Mr Panday and his colleagues confirmed that Club 88 would become an independent political party, and accused Mr Robinson of misleading the population, dumping the NAR manifesto and concentrating power in his own hands.

All three expelled ministers are from Trinidad's Indian community, which accounts for more than 40 per cent of the 1.2 million population.

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On the frontiers of a longer life

PAUL BRYANT



Nobody dies of old age, say the genetic engineers who hope to double man's allotted lifespan. In the first of a two-part investigation, **Thomson Prentice** looks at the remarkable advances of medical science and the researchers' plans to eradicate the diseases of ageing

In his laboratory a few miles from the birthplace of Jan Vermeer, the great 17th-century Dutch painter, and Antonie van Leeuwenhoek, inventor of the microscope, Dr Jan Vijg is moving closer to understanding the masterpiece of life itself.

Here, in the Institute of Experimental Gerontology, on the outskirts of the ancient town of Delft, some of the enigmas of why we grow old, and how we can slow down the process, are beginning to be unravelled by remarkable advances in medical research.

"We are on the frontiers of a dramatic new increase in human lifespan," Vijg says. "Growing old, in the traditional sense, is not inevitable. We are already developing ways to counter it."

Vermeer, born in 1632, died at the age of 43. Van Leeuwenhoek, born in the same year, lived to be *91. Vijg believes that many of* tomorrow's children could reach the age of 130. He is not alone. Professor Sir Cyril Clarke of the Royal College of Physicians, who *is 81, says: "We know some people* live to be 110. From the rate of scientific progress, it is likely that such a maximum lifespan is too short. What is required is longevity plus mental vigour. With new techniques, this may be around the corner."

However, despite more than a century of biological investigation, the specific factors which cause ageing have remained frustratingly elusive. Yet the need to know has never been greater. Britain, like most Western countries, is becoming a grey-haired *nation, with increasing proportions* of the elderly among the population. Consider these figures:

- In Britain in 1971 there were about 2.5 million people over 75 years old. By 1991, that total is expected to reach 3.85 million, and to be well past the 4 million mark by 2001.
- *There will be more than a* million of us aged 85 or more in the UK by 2001, compared with under 750,000 now. By 2021, that will have risen to at least 1.25 million.
- At the end of the last century, average life expectancy in Europe *at birth* was 45 years. By the beginning of the next, it is likely to be almost twice as long.

The extra demands on health and social services, and the need for new treatments for the diseases of old age, will be enormous. There will be a chronic need for *new treatments for the illnesses of* old age, particularly senile dementia. Hence the urgency of the question: what actually causes us to grow old?

The most persuasive scientific theory is that nature gave our bodies limited resources, which *must be divided between producing* children and repairing the damage inflicted on our health by the passage of time. According to this theory, our procreation is at least as important as our individual lifespan, because it ensures the continuation of our genes into *future generations.*

Our bodies therefore have been manufactured as disposable goods, with little invested in long-term durability. After the age when we are most likely to become parents, the body machine gradually develops faults, and grinds slowly to a halt, its job done. Mortality is inevitable.

The next intriguing question is: can science find ways to intervene and slow down the process? Vijg and a group of international researchers who believe the answer is yes are embarking on the quest for a new lease of life for mankind. Among the potential prizes is a better old age for ourselves — and eventually, perhaps, the gift of an extra ten thousand tomorrows for our children.

ELDERLY POPULATION

Age structure in Great Britain ('000s)

	65+	%	75+	%	85+	%
1951	5,332	0.9	1,731	3.5	218	0.45
1971	7,140	13.2	2,536	4.7	462	0.86
1981	7,985	15.0	3,052	5.7	552	1.03
1991	8,795	15.9	3,844	6.9	757	1.40
2001	8,656	15.3	4,082	7.2	1,047	1.90
2011	8,911	15.7	4,053	7.1	1,187	2.10
2021	9,956	17.2	4,401	7.6	1,230	2.10

Source: Population projections by the Government Actuary, Mid 1981 projection 1981-2021; and OPCS Census data 1901-1981. Adapted from Henwood, M (1984).

Medical progress and improvements in general hygiene and nutrition already mean that we can expect to live longer than our *parents and grandparents. Our* main concern is that extended old age will be a burden rather than a bonus, overshadowed by undignified decline and decay.

Doctors believe now that old age can be made less painful and unpleasant by preventing, treating or curing some of the diseases awaiting us in our final decades. But a consequence of such benefits is that we may live even longer. *According to some* experts, it is quite possible that many of our 21st century offspring will survive to a comparatively healthy age of 130 — six score years and ten.

Such remarkable longevity could be achieved, they believe, by unravelling the secrets of our genes, the chemical blueprints which shape our lives from the moment of conception *until death. Until* recently, these have been beyond our understanding and control.

Now, using the techniques of genetic engineering, scientists are beginning to discover the role our genes play in the onset of disease. Already the defective genes which cause a number of life-threatening *conditions, such as haemophilia,* cystic fibrosis and muscular dystrophy, have been identified.

The pursuit of other "rogue" genes suspected in senile dementia, schizophrenia, and Down's syndrome is well under way.

The new excitement in research laboratories is over the role genes play not just in disease, but in the actual process of ageing. The possibilities are intriguing, because once it is understood what genetic changes are taking place, the ability to moderate those changes comes significantly closer. If genes can be altered, so theoretically, can the patterns, and the duration, of life itself.

With such targets in mind, leading molecular biologists in *10 European countries,* including Britain, last month formed a unique collaborative network for research. About 30 laboratory groups are working together under the umbrella of Eurage, an EEC-sponsored organization dedicated to solving some of the growing problems of the "greying" of Europe.

> 'Growing old, in the traditional sense, is not inevitable. We are already developing ways to counter it'

The new project is being co-ordinated by Vijg, head of molecular biology at the Institute of Experimental Gerontology at Rijswijk, near Delft. "Lifespan has increased dramatically *in the last 100 years, but only* marginally in the last two decades," he says. "The impact of new medical research may have a profound effect on life expectancy. Even without it, average lifespan will certainly show a big increase by the end of the century. It will be normal for men to live into their late eighties and for women to reach their nineties.

"But growing old, in the traditional sense of physical and mental decline after a certain period of time, is not inevitable. We are in the middle of a revolution of biological sciences. Many diseases seem to be linked to a genetic defect, which makes it necessary to investigate the mechanisms of ageing itself, and to analyse the influence of genetic factors on our lifespan."

Vijg argues that nobody dies of old age itself, but of age-related diseases. "Our first purpose is not to live longer, but to minimize the diseases of old age, such as senile dementia, cancer and heart conditions."

The conventional medical view is that the risks of such illnesses increases as we get older because they have incubation periods spanning many years. However, many scientists also suspect a close link with genetic changes which take place as we age.

Dr Tom Kirkwood, of the National Institute for Medical Research, in Mill Hill, north London, is a leading international expert on the theoretical biology of ageing, and a contributor to the Eurage project. It was he who developed the theory of the limited ability of organisms to maintain and repair themselves. He believes that by studying these maintenance processes, insights can be gained into how they regulate the duration of life.

However, he warns that practical applications from such knowledge may not be available for many years. "We are closer now than ever to understanding some of the mechanisms of ageing, and of age-related illnesses," he says. "But it would be wrong to think that there will be tangible benefits for society *in the near future. Perhaps the* most exciting prospect is to identify the causes of diseases which significantly reduce the quality of life."

Such targets are now in the sights of many research groups. They believe that conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, the most common and incurable of senile dementias, can be understood and treated with methods that were inconceivable only a few years ago. There are better prospects, too, for illnesses which particularly threaten elderly women.

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CRAIG BROWN

The news from China is that Mao Tse-Tung's family has opened a restaurant in his birthplace, Shaoshan. This is a piece of conspicuously bad timing. "The Mao Family Restaurant", as it is called, has just missed inclusion in the 1989 edition of *The Good Food Guide.* Nevertheless, the Consumers' Association has already drafted a report for 1990. It suggests that, if present standards are maintained, *there is a very strong* possibility that The Mao Family Restaurant looks set to become the Shaoshan Newcomer Restaurant of the Year.

"This family-run restaurant," the report begins, "is decorated with the characteristic verve of the Maos. Framed posters breathe new life into old adages, such as *'too many cooks are necessary* if the broth is to be eaten before it arrives at the tables of the imperialist dogs'; 'the pot calling the kettle black entails the subsequent recantation of the kettle until fit for rehabilitation'; 'the proof of the pudding is sufficient to condemn a class traitor in the eyes of the People's Court'.

"This wonderfully authentic eatery is true to the spirit of Chairman Mao (and, in its Thursday night 'topless' sessions, true to the spirit of Madame Mao also). The food is disgusting but always interesting. The Little Red Menu offers a rich choice between Plentiful Abundance and Freedom for all the People, both of which are off, but the stand-by, Stew-in-your-own-Juice, is highly praised by all diners as compulsory eating.

"The chefs retain a fondness for steaming, skewering, battering and grilling, but they do not let this interfere with the preparation of the food. Service is slow, with some habitués complaining that the period that they went without food — over 21 days — was rather too long. Others have praised the rigour of the waiters in their red tunics. 'When I did not finish what was on my plate, I was denounced before my fellow *diners — for which I am most* heartily grateful' (Prisoner A). The waiters are commendably well-read in all Mao's major works, including his *Great Leap Forward* (1958), though some have complained that its influence — soup transported with running jumps — can lead to some discomfort.

"First reports vary, but Mr Deng writes approvingly of the 'Culinary Revolution' while admitting that: 'It was good for us at the time, but I hope we won't go back.' But most agree that the chefs and waiters command outright praise. More reports, please."

Films of the Year, Books of the Year, Restaurants of the Year, Fashion Designers of the Year. Wine Merchants of the Year: few are the pages of any reputable newspaper which are not devoted to such seasonal round-ups. Anton Mossiman nominates A.N. Wilson ("inexhaustibly vivid"); A.N. Wilson nominates Rifat Ozbek ("scholarly and hilarious by turn"); Rifat Ozbek nominates David Puttnam ("leaves me awe struck"); David Puttnam nominates Berry Bros ("mature and full-bodied"); and Berry Bros recommend Anton Mossiman ("not a clove wasted") — what could be more delightful?

This column now proudly presents an exciting new concept in "...of the Year" features: the 'Of the Year' feature of the Year. "I particularly enjoyed the forthright way in which The Spectator *awarded Mr Edward Heath Parliamentarion of the Year, and I was much struck by the sensitive and heart-rending nomination of Sir Alastair Burnet as Best Dressed Man of the Year, but finally I must award my nomination to Air Canada as Airline of the Year," writes Nico Ladennis, whose biography of Tolstoy, Sautéed with apples and garlic, is published in the spring.*

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Enjoying the suite smell of success

The newly crowned queen of the world of luxury hotels checks into London today. She tells Victoria McKee why the English make the best doormen

Is it true that Donald Trump, the billionaire property developer, pays his wife a salary of one dollar plus all the dresses she can buy? "I'm really bored with hearing that!" Ivana Trump exclaims, crossing enviable legs in the sheerest stockings. "If I choose to have one dollar or ten dollars or a million dollars, it doesn't matter — it's just the law that you have to get a salary. My husband and I are a team; we work together and I can buy whatever I want."

Ivana Trump arrives in London today to attend the annual World Travel Market at Olympia, where she will promote the interests of the Plaza Hotel, the cherished New York landmark standing on the corner of Central Park and Fifth Avenue which her husband bought earlier this year for something over £200 million, putting her in charge of its restoration.

She is also on a worldwide talent-scouting expedition. "We are trying to hire the best talent possible," she says. "The English are very proper, good manners, fabulous for positions in the public eye — doorman, front desk, concierge. Pastry chefs are the best in Switzerland and Austria. The French are fabulous chefs. The Germans and Austrians are very good general managers. The Italians are fabulous with with design. They are not very good managers. If you go there and order a limousine, it comes a week later."

There are, she elaborates, three ways to run an hotel. "You can run it like Mohammed Al-Fayed, who is a friend of ours. He really put a lot of money into the Ritz in Paris, and it is magnificent. He put so much money into it that maybe he isn't going to get it back for a long time. But it's his hobby, he's happy. Then you have a company like Westin, which owned the Plaza before us. Their operating budgets were so low — the hotel took a lot of tear and wear and you can see it.

"Now, you can run it somewhere in between, and you can run it smart. You can put a lot of money into it and you get the money back. My husband is a good businessman and it's not in his philosophy to lose money."

Talking a mile a minute in her thick Czechoslovak accent, Ivana Trump seems to have only what she laughingly describes as her husband's three speeds: "Fast, faster and faster-plus." She dresses like a *Dynasty* producer's dream of a billionairess hotel president: fitted white Bill Blass jacket with black buttons and vibrant red flower; flouncy black skirt and red stilettos. The honeycomb of blonde hair is immaculate, the lips impossibly red.

She says she missed the Paris couture shows this year because they were getting too expensive. "I don't care how wealthy you are, you really have to put your foot down. You can have a dress which cost $300, that is a copy of a Lacroix which costs $25,000, and it fits like a glove. I can't wear a dress more than two, three times anyway."

Yet to hear her talk, the Trumps — Donald, Ivana, a boy aged 11, a daughter aged seven and "a baby of four" — are just quiet family folk. "We go out maybe two times a week, maximum," she says. "We work hard and we like each other. We don't need the company of outsiders to have a good time."

Their "primary home" consists of the top three floors of Trump Tower, that giant Manhattan symbol of her husband's rise to wealth and power. Summers are spent in Greenwich, Connecticut, "only 10 minutes by helicopter from Trump Tower", and they winter in Palm Beach, Florida. "And when we have a little bit of time we might go on the boat, the *Trump Princess*, but we don't take that many vacations because we are very busy and we enjoy what we're doing."

Her arrival at the Plaza has set her up in direct opposition to Leona Helmsley, for years the undisputed queen of American hoteliers. The Helmsley empire, and its New York flagship, the ornate Helmsley Palace, has recently been under the shadow of huge tax-evasion charges, but Ivana Trump indicates her reluctance to discuss the misfortunes of her rival.

"I read what you read, and I can't comment. But I can comment on how I run our businesses — with dignity. I don't fire, I don't scream — I have people to do that. I don't do it myself. It's not my style." When she left the running of Trump's Castle Casino Hotel in Atlantic City to take over at the Plaza, she says, all 4,500 employees were in tears: "They were devastated!"

The only thing she and Leona Helmsley have in common, she insists, is that they are both women running hotels. "Leona Helmsley's bad publicity, what the press called her 'bad management', set back women in this business. It set me back."

She does not look set back. She looks, in fact, like the cat that swallowed the cream as she returns to her plans for adding a "champagne porch", a health spa and possibly a branch of Annabel's to the Plaza. One thing the city of New York will not let her do, though, is put a helicopter pad on the roof. "That," she says, with a hint of regret, "would be mission impossible."

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JOE McNALLY



"I run our businesses with dignity," Ivana Trump says. "I don't fire, I don't scream. It's not my style. I have people to do that"

When love's Labour's lost



PENNY PERRICK

There are certain men I know who smooth their Jermyn Street shirts over their solid paunches and announce: "I didn't leave the Labour Party, the Labour party left me. Another glass of Beaunes de Venise, waiter, and look sharp about it."

I felt sorry for these poor, abandoned ones until last week when it became clear that, at least, for one brief shining moment, the Labour Party had claimed them as its own, while it had never shown the slightest interest in belonging to *me*.

I read this bad news in a report of Neil Kinnock's speech in which he said that Labour wanted *for the first time in electoral history* (my italics) to have more women supporting it than the Conservatives. This was a blow to one who had spent her youth licking envelopes on behalf of Kinnock's lot, to realize belatedly that he could not have cared less had I, on polling day, gone out and voted for Screaming Lord Sutch.

I now feel rather like a woman who has been lusting hopelessly after a man for years, only to go right off him once he starts to fancy her. Too little, too late, is what I say to the Labour Party's efforts to change its male-dominated image.

I am thinking of taking my envelope-licking skills over to the Green Party, whose manifesto notes that "men expect women to look like TV stars, to be available when required and not to have any independence". Perhaps, when it gains power, it will outlaw dieting and make it legal for a woman to stay at home with a novel and a plate of chips instead of accompanying her husband to his yacht club's annual ladies' night.

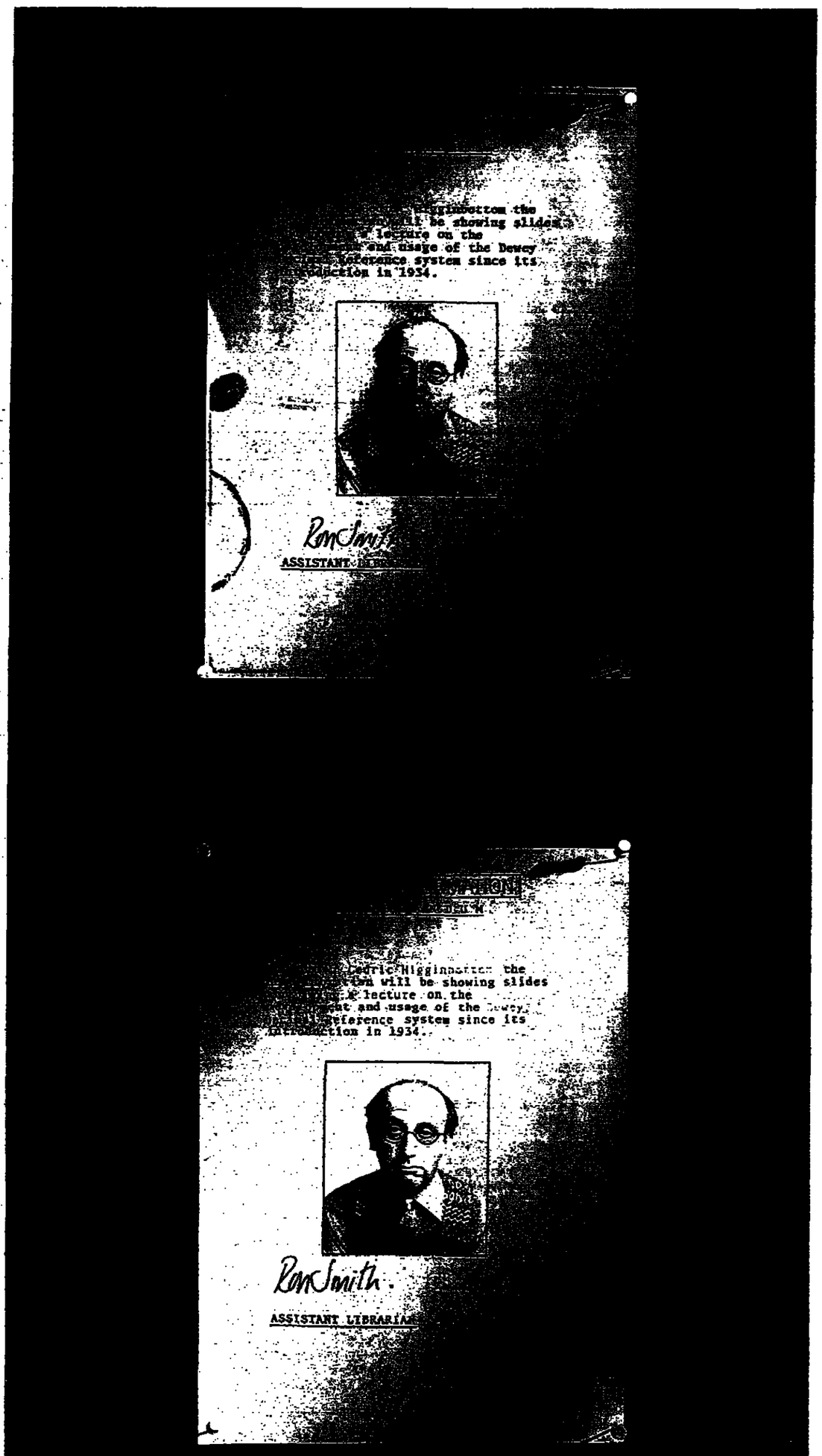
Actually, I do not believe that any political party has ever got the hang of attracting women. Kinnock may talk about the possibility of Labour having a woman leader but, quite recently, he had the chance to nominate a woman to be the new European Community commissioner and he did not take it. "Very odd that it didn't occur to him, seeing as how he's married to Glenys," said one Member of the European Parliament, reflecting on this bit of male chauvinism. But maybe it is *because* he is married to Glenys that he feels he has done his bit. After all, he does the washing-up and puts up cork tiles in the kitchen. What more is a man meant to do?

Well, he could have invited a few women journalists along to the Press conference at which he unveiled his new drive to attract women voters. Of course, he did not ban them from attending, but a bit of wooing was required here. The political arena is a thuggish place and women feel shy in it, which is probably why there were no women in the room.

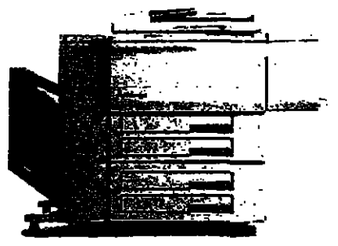
On some despairing days, I think that men will always come up with ingenious notions to Keep Women Out. This applies to gentlemen's clubs as well as the Shadow Cabinet. I once expressed a desire to join the Garrick and a member told me: "Ah well, my dear, that would never do. You see, at the moment I can tell my wife that I'm going to my club and she doesn't mind at all. But if she knew there would be ladies present, she would jump to conclusions."

Since the husband in question had dried egg stains on his tie, was two stone overweight and needed a haircut, I felt that such conclusions would be *groundless, but I do not suppose* there is a man alive who would appreciate that a woman would like to sit in a convivial room with pretty pictures on the wall and be brought a drink from time to time without any desire to get up to no good.

I have just been cheered up by a Press release from the Equal Opportunities Commission which announces that 54 packers and canteen assistants at Britfish Ltd, a fish finger factory in Hull, have won equal pay with a male cleaner. It may not seem much but it is a step in the right direction and, who knows, one day the hand that packs the fish finger could rule the world.



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CLEMENT FREUD

I was standing talking to an acquaintance outside Fortnum & Mason in Jermyn Street when a bearded, one-legged man hopped up to us angrily and demanded our loose change. He was a startlingly unengaging sort of beggar and as our Prime Minister steadily urges us to adopt value-for-money solutions to financial problems (and I could think of many better charitable causes) I declined. He uttered some unbecoming oaths and limped away, to be followed soon after by an even angrier, substantially less engaging – though physically fitter – beggar who shouted "Give me a pound."

No, we said, at which he proceeded to *hurl at us the most villainous abuse before* getting closer and taking a swipe at my companion, who managed to parry the blow. The furious one finally left us to give someone else a hard time shouting "I am a . . . football supporter" as he went.

In Oxford Street the next day a Thalidomide man was playing a trumpet behind an upturned hat. I walked past, remembered his two offensive fellow mendicants, went back and gave him the coinage I had about me, to be rewarded with a smile of infinite sweetness. I wanted to tell him that in future he would have all my business but the noise of the trumpet denied conversation.

If circumstances forced me to have to beg – which is the current growth industry in the metropolis – I should sit behind a card stating "Wife, *Five Children*, and Plymouth Argyle to Support". Plymouth have been "my team" since I was at school not far from there, have remained so and over the decades I have caught up with them when they had a London fixture and I had a Saturday afternoon to spare. After the registration of supporters bill completes its journey through Parliament, going to see them at Arsenal, Tottenham, Millwall, or wherever (Plymouth are going to be promoted) will no longer be an option for I shall not have a card. If people think football deserves such a law – citing what soccer hooligans have done for the game – let me remind them that the loyal address predicted that "other sports are likely to follow suit". It is the indignity of being caught carrying a Synchronized Swimmers of Orpington Fan Club card that is likely to dissuade many people from live attendance.

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That is, of course, part of the evil weaker Pimm's, less potent Rose's Lime Juice syndrome, *practised by manufacturers of* unique products persuaded to sod the public and achieve greater profitability. There is still time to act: soaps have no sell-by dates and if you're quick you can buy old Wright's Coal Tar with stronger fragrance and original shape and not only go through life with confidence but be sitting on something that will increase in value and fetch serious money when auctioned at the end of the century – especially if it is part of the collected memorabilia of a pop person.

The original motto Perseverando Vinces – which always made the pulse quicken – remains imprinted on the new product. I would not care to take a bet that it will so remain: far more likely that the market men, exhausted by printing "cleans and freshens" five times on the wrappers of each improved bar, forgot about it. What they *have* depicted *on the new pack* is a bathroom with upmarket striped curtains and greenery outside the window – exactly the sort of socio-economic home in which you would be least likely to encounter Coal Tar.

On November 24 I received a letter from Heals stating that Christmas is the happiest time of the year and inviting me to do all my shopping at a discount in one week – that which was already 57 per cent spent. This comes under the heading of not having the courage of your lack of conviction.

The health of politicians is a subject about which there is much concern. In the United States the story is that the American Medical Association is keeping a close eye on Mr Bush – and if he should show signs of serious illness the CIA have orders to shoot Mr Quayle. In Ireland Charles Haughey has had a month in hospital and his deputy, Brian Lenihan, now weighs not much more than the amount Cyril Smith tried to lose in a national newspaper competition. "And who," asked a lady over dinner in Dublin at the weekend, "takes over if anything should happen to your Mrs Thatcher?" I did not know. "Will it be her husband, Denis?" she asked. I thought probably not, though it might lead to better relations between 10 Downing Street and Buckingham Palace.

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The next single market

Washington

With the victory of Brian Mulroney's Progressive Conservatives in last week's Canadian general election, the dream first articulated in 1979 by President Reagan of a vast North American common market has moved close to becoming reality.

The first step, ratification of the US-Canada Free Trade Agreement, is now assured: it was the central issue in the Canadian election and Mulroney's *principal opponent*, John Turner of the Liberal Party, has accepted the electorate's verdict that the deal must go through. It has already been ratified by the US Senate.

*The Reagan vision was, how*ever, still more ambitious: his free trade zone was always intended to embrace Mexico, creating a market of more than 350 million people in a territory stretching from the Arctic to the Yucatan peninsula.

Days after the Canadian elections, President-elect George Bush had a meeting with Mexico's incoming president, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, which may prove as significant as the "shamrock summit" between Reagan and Mulroney in 1985. It was that meeting, on a warm St Patrick's Day in Ottawa, which gave birth to the US-Canada trade pact and, in doing so, marked what may well prove to have been a turning point in international trade.

Even before taking office, Bush and Salinas agreed to give priority to linking their two nations more closely through a free trade agreement, less sweeping than the US-Canada accord but closely patterned on it. If this goes ahead it will create a North American trading bloc similar to the EEC single market to be established by 1992. It is now, according to the US Secretary for Commerce, William Verity, firmly "on the front burner". The significance for world trade cannot be underestimated.

The rise of big regional trading blocs in Europe, North America and Asia may not be, overall, the force for trade liberalization it appears at first sight. On the contrary, many analysts fear that they will weaken the multilateral, non-discriminatory system which has made possible since its creation after the Second World War an extraordinary growth in international trade. Rivalry between the major trading powers would, *they fear*, polarize world trade and widen the gap between the industrialized countries and those outside these groups.

The economic populism *which emerged during the US* presidential election campaign has also exacerbated analysts' suspicions that a North American free trade zone would foster a fortress America mentality of the kind US and Japanese officials see as developing in Europe. They point to the likelihood of a more protectionist US Congress, and the possibility of transatlantic trade wars.

James Baker, who is to be Bush's Secretary of State, exploited the concept of bilateral trade agreements as a threat during his time as Treasury Secretary: "reciprocity" is not a concept unique to the European Commission. And Baker, with other US officials, is on record with the warning that if the current Uruguay Round of talks *under the General Agreement on* Tariffs and Trade does not produce significant results, the US is prepared to form its own "club of like-minded nations", outside Gatt, to enter into free trade agreements.

Baker's message is clear. If other nations do not agree with the US on Gatt reforms they will be shut out of the US market. The first serious test of progress on this front will come next Monday when officials from Gatt's 96 member countries meet in Montreal for a critical mid-term review of the Uruguay Round.

The expansion of the North American market will concentrate minds on the bilateral alternatives suggested by the US, in a position which has been reiterated by members of the Bush transition team.

There is no doubt that US officials see the trade pact with Canada as a pace-setting model for the rest of the world. They *hope that it will promote* new international accord on tariff reductions, trade in services, investment, and copyright protection, the areas covered by the bilateral agreement.

What is certain is that the North American single market will create advantages of scale which will have a major impact on world markets. Huge US-Canadian companies, operating on both sides of the border, will employ workforces which migrate freely across Canada, which will have open access to a market 10 times its size, will grow 5 per cent faster than it would otherwise have done, and growth in the US will be increased by 1 per cent.

The fears in Canada that the deal would simply lead to the country's absorption as the *de facto* 51st state, so prominent a feature of the election campaign, would however be even more *acute in the case of Mexico. The* process of completing the American single market is likely to be slow.

Disparities between the Mexican and US economies are vastly greater, and sensitivity to US domination is even more deeply engrained in the national culture. Salinas has already been accused by opposition parties of surrendering too much sovereignty to foreign interests.

The spectre of Uncle Sam looming over Mexico's energy assets and other natural resources plays large in a nation that is still a strident critic of US imperialism. But Mexico sends 62 per cent of its exports to the US, and Salinas is well aware that his choice may be between closer links with the new North American market and being frozen out of it.

The ties he is likely to seek will be in the form of industry-by-industry arrangements which could become the framework of a broader pact. Timothy Bennett, a trade consultant to both the incoming Salinas administration and that of President-elect Bush, believes that "a deal in North American free trade agreement is possible within the next decade".

Bernard Levin

Away with remote control

Have you *ever* heard such squealing, howling, roaring, groaning, yodelling and general tonsilliting that has greeted the White Paper on broadcasting? You haven't? Ah, that is because you are too young: if you were the same age as me you would have heard it not once but twice.

Drawing parallels from the past to illustrate the present is always a dangerous practice. But the breaking of the BBC's monopoly in the 1950s, and the Pilkington committee report in the early 1960s, produced arguments which are so close to those being deployed today that I begin to feel like a man trapped *in a revolving door.*

When the argument over the introduction of commercial television was going on, there was a debate on it in the House of Lords, in which Lord Reith (the first director-general of the BBC) said: "Somebody introduced Christianity into England and somebody introduced smallpox, bubonic plague and the Black Death. Somebody is minded now to introduce sponsored broadcasting . . . Need we be ashamed of moral values, or of intellectual and ethical objectives? It is these that are here and now at stake."

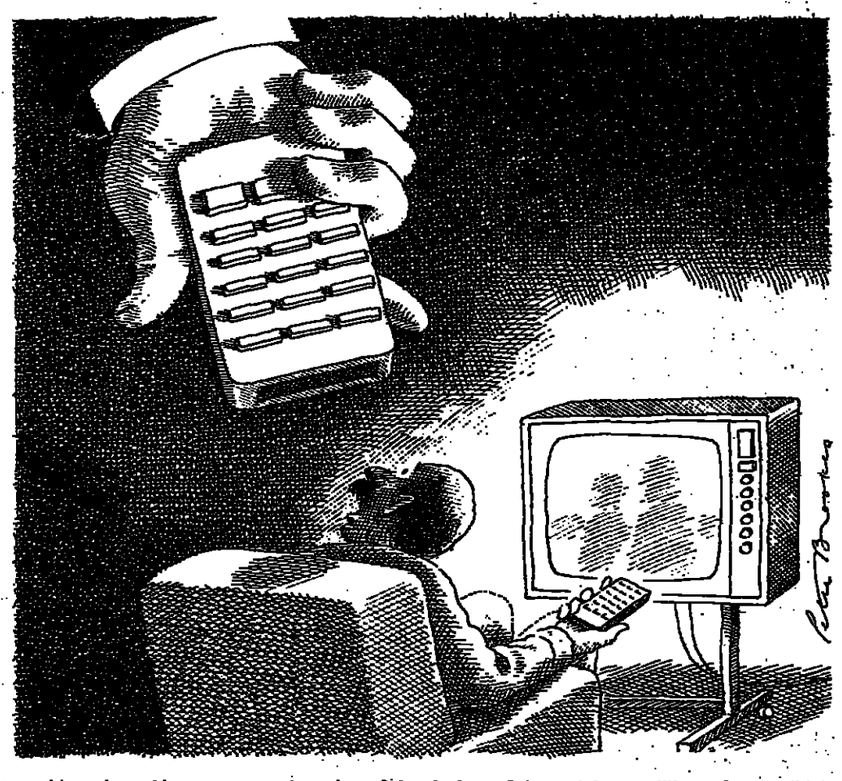
Well, Mr John Mortimer's invariable urbanity would not permit him such lurid words; but his reaction was no less ridiculous, and he has less excuse than some, because he is a good deal older than I am. John and I remember Herbert Morrison, even if nobody else does: he led for the Labour opposition in the attack on ITV in the House of Commons and I think I had my first political nervous crisis at the spectacle of the People's Party refusing to trust the People, while the Tory paternalists were swamped by their populist wing, led by Lord Woolton (and, to be fair, by their realization that there might be money to be made out of investing in the shares).

The Kubla Khans, prophesying war, and worse than war, were led by such fastidious folk as Lady Violet Bonham Carter, Lord Halifax and the Beaverbrook press. (Well, there was nothing very fastidious about Beaverbrook, but you know what I mean.) I went to the huge party which launched the first night of commercial television – *indeed, I became the Manchester Guardian's* ITV critic then and there, and watched it so regularly thereafter that it nearly killed me, so bad was it in those days. But, you see, so was the BBC.

The world did not come to an end; but some people were determined that it would; their successors fell into the same trap in 1962, when the Pilkington committee (I still don't know how it came to be set up in the first place) was asked to examine and report upon the quality of commercial television. This time it seemed that Lady Violet would not be enough: Savonarola, Calvin and Anthony Comstock must have written the report. (It was a mercy that poor Mervyn Griffith-Jones – "Is it a book you would like your wives or servants to read?" – wasn't called in as legal adviser to the committee. Come to think of it, perhaps he was. The report was certainly idiotic enough.)

In tones of the most high-minded disdain, the report castigated ITV in its entirety, and many of the very phrases that had been employed in the battle to stifle ITV in the womb were in evidence again. ITV ignored it altogether, and Macmillan, who was prime minister, showed his contempt for it by appointing Charles Hill, formerly the government's knockabout comic, chairman of the Independent Television Authority.

Now, what was that all about, and what is the present uproar (which, I maintain, is the same thing) all about? Of course, the members of the present television establishment, which is certainly not confined to the BBC, are alarmed by the most fundamental fear any establishment can have: they are afraid that their influence, patronage, access, respect, hierarchy and income may in time, or even abruptly, be diminished by what is proposed. Their fear is probably well-grounded, and when men and women have good cause to be afraid, they will go to lengths that in quieter times they would shun; all the same, the orchestrated dishonesty that we have seen in the past few weeks is almost without parallel.



But that is not the chief cause of their hostility. What is? It is what it was in 1954 and 1962, and it was put at its clearest and least compromising by Lord Reith, not at the time of those battles but long, long before, in the early 1920s (when the BBC was still only a tender shoot just showing above the soil, never dreaming of the shadow of the mighty forest it was to become would cast).

Here is Reith, the crown imperial on his head, the sceptre in his hand, and certainty bathing him like a cloud: "It is occasionally indicated to us that we are apparently setting out to give the public what we think they need – and not what they want – but few know what they want and very few what they need."

There stands the truth, more than 60 years old and not dead yet. What the broadcasting establishment is saying today is the same as what Reith was saying then – with this crucial distinction: democracy was by no means fully established in Britain (millions of adults didn't even have the vote), and the idea that certain eminent persons knew what the common people wanted better than the common people *did themselves* was widely accepted by the said common people, who felt that them persons what governs us, and what went to Oxford College and got educated, must know more than you or me or even Uncle Fred, who once got five winners in a row at Aintree.

But these days are not those days. True, the nanny state looms over us still, and in some quarters looms more menacingly than ever. But the amateur nannies, the foodists and smokists and drinkists, must cease their threats at the door of the polling station: the residence of its Ambassador, of- may vote without any grounds we- fortunately, our for all the sha- struck from o- with economi- on with tradi- showing more wishing to na- cots: how els- the fact that government a shelf-filler can throw t- they had bett- that we wou-

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The result of breaking t- monopoly in 1955 was television the worst got still, and the best got better. So it will be again, and who dare to say that it must not be that adults in a free land must not choose for themselves?

You, sir? Then let me tell you that although you may be a faithful husband, a loving father and a friend to animals (not necessarily in that order) *you are not a democrat.* And until you are willing to proclaim, as a cherished article of faith, that you have no more right to impose your tastes on others than *others have to impose theirs on* you, undemocratic you will remain. I do not envy your inevitable isolation.

Commentary • RAYMOND PLANT

Taming the bureaucrat

Max Weber argued that it was the fate of modern man to live within the iron cage of bureaucracy. Bureaucratic authority was part of the progressive *disenchantment of the world*, part of the transition from magic to rationality. With secularization, there had been a growth of social complexity requiring management by professional bureaucratic authorities.

The only real alternative to bureaucracies seems to be close-knit communities where life is governed by a combination of tradition and altruism, or, in a complex society, the market in which goods and services are delivered by self-interest and the invisible hand which reconciles self-interest with the public good without the need for conscious direction. The present government would like us to believe that markets are a real alternative to bureaucracy in many cases and will show us the way out of the iron cage.

This analysis is to be found in Nigel Lawson's Centre for Policy Studies pamphlet, *The New Conservatism*, and *in Bureaucracy, Servant or Master?*, an Institute of Economic Affairs pamphlet to which Nicholas Ridley contributed. They attack the public service ethos of the Civil Service as a comforting but dangerous illusion.

This idea goes back a long way, indeed Nigel Lawson finds it in Plato's view of the Guardians in *The Republic* who were, after appropriate training, the incorruptible servants of the Good. It is also to be found in Hegel's claim in the *Philosophy of Right* that civil servants are the Universal Class whose own interests correspond to those of society as a whole, a view which in an Anglicized form had a major influence in late 19th century Oxford, a major training ground for civil servants.

Messrs Lawson and Ridley *will have none of this. They see* civil servants and welfare bureaucracies as producer interest groups in their own right – not disinterested servants of the public good but pursuing their own interests in a bureaucratic framework as producers in the market pursue theirs. The difficulty is that there is no mechanism analogous to the market to ensure that the pursuit of private interest produces the public good.

Lawsons says: "We are all imperfect – even the most high minded civil servant. Academic work is still in its infancy on the economics of bureaucracy; but it is already clear that it promises to be a fruitful field. The civil servants and middle-class welfare administrators are far from selfless Platonic guardians of popular mythology: they are a major interest group in their own right."

This academic work is to be *found in public-choice theorists* who work on the borderland between economic and political science and include Nobel Prize winner Jim Buchanan and Gordon Tullock, who, echoing Adam Smith, says: "It is not from the benevolence of the bureaucrat that we expect our research grant or our welfare cheque, but out of regard to his own not the public interest". However, the major figure is William Niskanen, an adviser to President Reagan whose *Bureaucracy, Servant or Master?* was described by Nicholas Ridley as being of devastating importance.

This view applies economic utility *maximizing models* to behaviour in bureaucracies as well as to markets. Civil servants and welfare bureaucrats seek their own advantage by maximizing agency budgets as a means of attaining greater prestige, more power, more scope for professional judgement, and more jobs. Bureaucrats have a monopoly of information about the costs and benefits of what they are doing and they can *exploit this against elected politicians* and the public. Far from budgets meeting the needs of client groups, they are largely devised as the result of the role of the agency as an interest group.

They are resistant to control by budget limits because consequential cuts are implemented by bureaucracies who are often able to make them in the most sensitive areas to mobilize public support around the provision of the service and thus the agencies' own interests. In the medical context we are familiar with the idea of shroud-waving strategies.

There is nothing immoral about this; we all seek to *maximize our utility*. The point of the conservative critique, however, is that we must devise strategies which take account of the real structure of motivation within bureaucracies rather than the illusory public service model. Bureaucracies are interest groups and in so far as they are necessary, their pursuit of their own interests has to be harnessed to desirable social outcomes.

The analysis implies that it is best to turn whatever can be turned over to the market and, where this is impractical, to bring into play other mechanisms such as internal markets or contracting out as a way of keeping tighter managerial control of bureaucracy.

However, what will not work on this view is the left-wing solution of decentralising bureaucracies and making them democratically accountable because, as Weber pointed out, "Every bureaucracy seeks to increase the superiority of the professionally informed by keeping their knowledge and *intentions secret*". *Elected politicians* have very little possibility of controlling bureaucracies and on this view market mechanisms are the only solution. Community health councils are a good example of the impotence of democratic accountability in the face of knowledge-based bureaucracies.

Most of this is very theoretical and has not been properly tested. The contrast with companies is rather simplistic since companies themselves contain large bureaucracies which are also subject to individual self-interest, the costs of which can be passed on to the consumer. However, there is sufficient in the ideas to demand a response from the left.

On the one hand the left has the idea of a democratic society of citizens, not a managed society of experts, but current Labour welfare proposals such as a health inspectorate imply yet another layer of bureaucracy.

Would it not be better to think in terms of empowering citizens rather than putting such faith in bureaucratic remedies? After all, as Weber argued, socialism is against domination, but bureaucracy is the most pervasive form of domination in the modern world.

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During the First World War Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1869-1930) was engaged on literary propaganda. As he said, "All sorts of queer odd jobs came to me". "Miracle Town" (his title) was Gretna, Dumfries.

A MIRACLE TOWN

MUNITION CENTRE ON A PEAT BOG

(By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)

One of the miracles of present-day Britain is a place which we will call Moorside. Perhaps it is the most remarkable place in the world.

Only a little more than a year ago, say, September, 1915, it was *a lonely peat bog fringing the sea*, with a hinterland of desolate plain, over which the gulls swooped and screamed. Then the great hand of the Minister of Munitions was stretched out to this inhospitable waste, for it *chanced to lie with good rail and* water connexions and not too remote from centres of coal and of iron.

No money and no energy was spared, and half-a-dozen master-hustlers took charge of the whole great scheme. It *is a story which* is more characteristic of Western America than of our sober British methods . . .

The work went forward by day and by night. The place grew and grew, and still is growing. Already it measures nine good miles one way with an average of one-and-a-half the other. In the daytime there are at least 25,000 busy inhabitants. The greater part are the builders, who still extend the *township. The smaller are the* munition workers, who will occupy it all when it is finished. But even now in its partially finished state its products are essential to the war, and its output has entirely changed the supply of the present and the expectations of the future. It is not yet fully manned (or should I say girled?), but, when it is, not less than 12,000 munition workers will be running the miles of factories which overlie the peat bog of last summer.

And it is not jerry-built – that is the wonder of it. In the centre of the colony is a considerable nucleus of solid brick houses which should be good for a century or more. Here are the main offices, the telephone stations, the club for the staff, the hospital, the cinema theatre, a row of shops, and a cluster of residential houses.

Radiating out from this centre are long lines of wooden erections to hold the workers, cottages for married couples, bungalows for groups of girls, and hostels which hold as many as 70 people in each. This central settlement is where the people live – north and south of it where they work . . .

There are two hampering difficulties, which will no doubt be overcome like all else, but which have held matters back. They are *drink and labour.* As to the latter, the labour unions have acted in a way which calls for the acknowledgment and gratitude of the nation. What they had won during a long and weary fight they renounced for the sake of their country . . .

And, lastly, there is the perennial question of drink. There is not much drinking among the munition workers. Their conditions are regular and comfortable. The drinking is rather among the great mass of outside workers, who are less under discipline and who live in less comfortable conditions. It is true that the Board of Control stops the sale in the immediate district, but there are considerable towns a few miles away. I have always thought that if light wines and beers were permitted as a safety-valve the sale and even the manufacture of spirits could and should be forbidden.

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VOICES FROM FRANCE

Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand will meet in Mont-Saint-Michel on Wednesday as elder statesmen of Europe and the world. But if the French President is to share the British Prime Minister's influence as well as her longevity, he must look closely to affairs at home. Divided authority in Paris is beginning to bring a decline in authority overseas.

The summit promises to be a meeting in the best possible tone. There will some discord over French reluctance to accept that British-made Nissan cars should qualify as "European". As we discussed on Saturday, Mrs Thatcher must also attempt to bring France back into co-operation over the coming conventional arms talks with the Warsaw Pact.

But for the most part, the two leaders will stick to the highest common ground, discussing recent trips — Mrs Thatcher's to Washington and Poland, M Mitterrand's to Moscow and, soon, to Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. M Mitterrand will disguise his chagrin that Mrs Thatcher is to be the first Western European leader to welcome Mr Gorbachov on an official visit.

Mrs Thatcher will courteously draw her host on his plans for the latter half of next year, when France celebrates the bicentenary of its revolution by simultaneously hosting the next Western economic summit and assuming the presidency of the European Community. They will record their satisfaction at the useful contribution to mutual understanding made by the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Their meeting will not, however, be quite the discussion between influential equals which M Mitterrand will wish. The reasons have to do with the constitutional and personal tensions developing in France between the President and the French Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard. These have increasingly blurred France's political profile abroad, and made it harder to discern where policy is made.

The constitutional tensions first emerged in 1986, with the election of the conservative government of M Jacques Chirac and the necessity this created of what came to be known as "cohabitation" between the Elysée and the Matignon. With the return to power of the socialists, the strains created by that enforced yoking of opposites ought to have disappeared. But six months later, "cohabitation" is beginning to look like a permanent feature of French politics.

M Mitterrand would appear to have developed a taste, acquired during M Chirac's tenure of office, for leaving the Prime Minister to run the country while he cultivated the world. In this scheme (for which the Gaullist constitution of the Fifth Republic, once derided by M Mitterrand, conveniently provides), the President looks after foreign policy and defence, the Prime Minister the business of government.

But this division of labour, however convenient as a means of scoring points off M Chirac while appearing to remain above the fray, is anachronistic for a modern state manipulating its way towards the Nineties. It looks particularly threadbare when both incumbents are from the same party.

The anachronism is reflected most clearly in France's policy towards what M Mitterrand likes to call "the construction of Europe", the issue most stressed by both candidates in last May's presidential elections. The business of making France competitive in the single market of 1992 demands detailed decisions — in deregulation of industry and services, in investments in education and training, in tax reforms and harmonization — which cannot be divorced from foreign policy objectives.

A deep mutation may be needed in the characteristics of the Gaullist legacy, characteristics which have been common to both socialists and conservatives. France is changing from a somewhat authoritarian, centralized state to a more flexible form of government in which, in M Rocard's plan for the next five years, the state will decide "less, better and faster".

The Prime Minister's battles with the public sector workers this autumn are important precisely because they illustrate the difficulties of effecting this change. M Mitterrand's aloofness from this, and from the battle over the 1989 budget, has begun to look like calculated avoidance. It also raises questions about the extent to which he can now be said to represent the French Government.

This will matter increasingly as long-term questions about the shape of Europe have to be addressed. M Rocard is an unabashed federalist who considers Mrs Thatcher's vision of a Europe of sovereign states not only archaic, but a recipe for Europe's economic subjugation to Japan and North America. Arguments are inevitable.

It is hard to be certain whether in the long run we will see a presidential retreat into an eminence roughly resembling that of a constitutional monarchy. But if that is the trend, its ambiguous present phase, with M Mitterrand open to the suspicion of merely tactical aloofness, creates problems for the management of European affairs.

France's partners need an authoritative interlocutor. They must hope that M Mitterrand, in the words of a French newspaper cartoon's prayer, decides to "come down from heaven" and join his Prime Minister in the country's necessary transformation.

CHEMICALS AND THE KURDS

Further evidence has emerged during the last few days of Iraqi atrocities against their Kurdish people and the suffering of those who have fled to refugee camps. Up to 10,000 Kurds are thought to have perished in gas attacks by Iraqi forces during a six-month period ending last September.

The Iraqis have strongly denied such allegations, though they have admitted using gas against Iran during the Gulf War. But Physicians for Human Rights, an independent group of American doctors, said last month that it had found overwhelming evidence to support the Kurdish claim. A British science laboratory, backed up by the Chemical Defence Establishment at Porton Down, has found derivatives of mustard gas on soil samples brought back from the area concerned in Kurdistan.

Chemical warfare was outlawed by the Geneva Protocol of 1925, whose signatories (including Iraq) had recoiled from the gas attacks of the First World War. Since then one country or another has been accused of breaching its provisions — though not often on the basis of firm evidence. Meanwhile, attempts to extend its influence, by banning not only the use of such weapons but their manufacture and stockpiling as well, have so far produced no result.

The alarm caused by chemical weapons, particularly the modern nerve gases, is explained partly by their genocidal potential and partly by the ease with which they can be made. The technology involved in designing safe delivery systems has acted as some sort of deterrent until recently. But 20 countries are now thought either to possess such weapons or the means of doing so. If the Iraqis have indeed been using them to punish or destroy what it sees as a troublesome element in their midst, the implications are worrying for everyone.

The Archbishop of Canterbury last week joined those who have called for "vigorous action" against Baghdad. The US Congress has demanded sanctions as has President Mitterrand — without going so far as to name the actual country. The European Parliament has condemned Iraq and has called for a Community ban on all weapon deliveries.

But governments are unlikely to follow through their bitter criticism of Iraq by imposing trade sanctions against the country. Sir Geoffrey Howe, while being verbally forthright, has shrunk from punitive measures. Indeed the Trade Minister, Mr Tony Newton, recently travelled to Baghdad to announce that Britain's export credits to Iraq next year would be doubled. With so many countries fighting for a share of Middle East trade at the end of the Gulf War, none is eager to put its principles into practice.

President Reagan in his valedictory address to the United Nations two months ago, held out the prospect of an international conference to reinforce the terms of the Geneva Protocol. While an extension may remain difficult (verification being one of the main obstacles) it should be possible to give the existing protocol more teeth.

PRIVATE TAGGERS

By their opposition to the Home Secretary's plans for "electronic tagging", probation officers risk being pushed to the sidelines of their business. Mr Hurd said recently that a private security firm might be employed to enforce curfews on offenders. His use of the word "enforce" has unreasonably alarmed those who view with suspicion any use of private companies in controlling individuals subject to penal sanctions.

There is a precedent for such use of private firms. A security company — acting on behalf of the Home Office under the oversight of the Immigration Department — is employed at Harmondsworth detention centre where some would-be immigrants are held. Private security staff were also used in a detention ship at Harwich holding Tamils.

A more controversial role for private security staff emerged during the early 1970s in the escorting of a would-be immigrant from detention to an immigration appeal hearing. The guard stood outside the room in which the appeal was being heard. Civil libertarians objected. Asked what he would do if the immigrant tried to get away the guard said he would call the police. Escorting is still done by private security staff.

There is a difference between active and passive enforcement. If the guard actively sought to prevent his charge escaping, he would seek to detain him forcibly, running the risk of assaulting or being assaulted. Passive enforcement implies acting as an agent to summon the forces of law and order.

The question is how passive a private security company would be in enforcing a curfew by the use of tagging. At its simplest, the firm might do no more than monitor the equipment to ensure tagging was working. If anything untoward were noticed, the guard would summon others.

It would be going too far if the firm were to be given sensitive and confidential information about the individual being tagged, and access to his home. Security guards are not police.

The question is not whether a private firm should be allowed to monitor the tagging of an individual. It should, if required, provided it meets appropriate criteria. The question is to whom it should report.

Ideally, the reporting should be to probation officers. On being alerted to a breach, a probation officer would follow it up and prepare the report on which sanctions against the offender would be based. But objections to tagging have come from the National Association of Probation Officers who believe that their role would be debased.

Their method puts the emphasis on assisting, befriending and supervising clients. It owes much to social work. Not much is made of the need to discipline and control. Yet that is what probation officers also have to do. Community service demands control. The person serving a life sentence out on licence is being controlled in the community.

If probation officers are not willing to be involved, they are in danger of being bypassed. A private security firm could be used instead, employing probation officers only to prepare reports and the police to enforce the law where necessary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Meeting of minds in Middle East

From Dr R. C. Mowat

Sir, Sir John Barnes (November 19) proposes a Middle Eastern Community. He may be unaware that Israeli-based movements are already working together with the objects which he has in view.

Spearheading these is the Council for Peace and Security, led by General Aharon Yariv and a formidable array of senior Army officers, working closely with the Movement for Confederation under the chairmanship of the well-known author and translator of the Bible, André Chouraqui.

The aim of the movement is a federation (or "confederation") of Israel with a Palestinian state; Jordan could be included, and eventually other neighbouring countries. The manifesto, written by Chouraqui, reads in part:

Only a confederal solution, reached by agreement directly between Palestinians and Israelis, could guarantee peace, together with the security and progress of the region . . . [This Near Eastern Confederation's] territory would be open to its citizens as to all members of the constituent states' diasporas. Jerusalem, capital of Israel, would become also the capital of the Confederation, which would guarantee an internationally validated statute concerning the Jewish, Christian and Muslim Holy Places.

Abba Eban, until recently Labour's representative on the Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee, shared a platform in London with Hanna Siniora, editor of the East Jerusalem *Al-Fajr*. Both favoured a two-state solution, with a relationship such as that worked out by Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg: the "Benelux" in which the economies of all three were integrated, while each state maintained its own sovereignty, and which formed the germ of the European Community.

Chouraqui's vision goes further — he sees the proposed "confederation" linked in the future with all the Mediterranean countries which have economic agreements with the European Community. "A first step could be taken immediately", he writes in the manifesto, "by creating an assembly with equal representation of European and non-European Mediterranean countries, linked with the European Parliament on the pattern of the Lomé Agreements."

Difficult of realisation as such visions may appear to be, it is the early phase of building "community" in Europe which gives hope. This was when the meeting of personalities from both sides of the divide took place: meetings such as those between young French and Germans in Stuttgart, following Pastor Niemöller's "Declaration of Guilt", and between Konrad Adenauer and Robert Schuman in Switzerland. At such meetings hearts and minds changed, often dramatically, through bold decisions and forgiveness.

Yours truly,
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Policy on PLO

From the President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews

Sir, The Prime Minister has maintained a policy of refusing to meet leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation so long as there is no clear declaration of Israel's right to exist, coupled with the renunciation of terrorism and violence. This policy has earned her the admiration and support of all who believe in a just and peaceful resolution of the Middle East conflict.

A change of policy, as you envisage in the report by your Diplomatic Correspondent (November 22), would be to misread the declaration of the Palestine National Council in Algiers last week. The absence of explicit recognition of Israel, the naming of Jerusalem as the capital of the proposed "State of Palestine", and the deliberate omission of any reference to its boundaries, as well as the refusal to reject terrorism in all its forms, at all times and in all places, point to a continuation of the PLO's policy, so clearly expressed in its covenant, of seeking Israel's destruction.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews, the representative body of the British Jewish community, considers that peace has not been brought any closer by the Algiers statement. We call upon HM Government to maintain its present policy of not dealing with the PLO so long as it does not meet the Prime Minister's criteria regarding recognition and terrorism.

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL KOPELOWITZ,
President, The Board of Deputies of British Jews,
Woburn House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
November 23.

Jams tomorrow

From Mr D. Gwilym M. Roberts, FEng

Sir, Once again significant parts of our transport system are becoming seriously overloaded as demand exceeds capacity, and urgent measures must be taken to optimise the utilisation of available resources.

Far from decrying the consequences of market forces, as Sir Colin Buchanan does (article, November 22), I believe that it is just these that will stimulate the even more rapid development of the new ideas and technology that will again enable us to satisfy society's desire for increased personal mobility within an environment no worse, and probably noticeably better, than today's.

A modern transportation system is a sophisticated engineering product which, through the marriage of high technology with more traditional construction works, has enabled considerably greater volumes to be carried at higher speeds and with greater safety — as our motorways, high speed trains and new airport facilities have amply demonstrated.

Thus modern multi-disciplinary technology, combined with concepts new to this country (but well developed overseas) can provide systems which, in addition to increasing the capacity of existing facilities, will be safer and more environmentally-sensitive, and will enable the road user to pay proportionately to his usage of the network.

Yours faithfully,
D. GWILYM M. ROBERTS,
Joint Chairman, Acer Group,
25 Victoria Street, SW1.
November 23.

Murky descent

From Dr Joanna Martin

Sir, Nicholas Ridley showed an interesting attitude to inheritance in his speech to the Historic Houses Association (report, November 23), when he ridiculed those who claimed their families had lived in the same houses for generations. He said, according to your report, that the ancestors of such folk had often bought, stolen or *married* (my italics) into the house "at some point in their murky past".

Surely the descendants of an heiress belong to her family, just as much as they do to the family of her husband. Or does Mr Ridley know something about human biology that I do not?

Yours faithfully,
JOANNA MARTIN,
Oak Tree Farm,
Finborough Road,
Hitcham, Ipswich, Suffolk.
November 24.

From Mr W. W. Glasson

Sir, Today's *Times* (November 23) reports Mr Ridley's statement that "there have to be some opportunities for today's *nouveaux riches*, so I'm not impressed by the case of the *anciens pauvres*".

Now, if by "*anciens pauvres*" he meant those who are long of lineage but short of means, he should surely describe them as *nouveaux pauvres* . . . or even *anciens riches*. The term he uses means the *former* poor, which is another way of saying the *nouveaux riches*.

Thus his statement is not only erroneous but tautologous. Perhaps Kenneth Baker could help him.

Yours faithfully,
W. W. GLASSON,
40 Aynhoe Road,
Brook Green, W14.

Mappa Mundi sale

From the Map Librarian of the British Library

Sir, The Hereford Mappa Mundi is certainly "beautiful and amusing" (Dr Frankland, November 24). So, indeed, is the Bayeux tapestry. Such a verdict, though, tends to trivialise what many would consider the premier cartographic document in Britain, witness to an early flowering of mapmaking particularly associated with this country.

The Mappa Mundi is the most complete surviving record of the traditional medieval view of the world. It is a window into the medieval mind and has long been a treasure-store for scholars. The author, Richard of Haldingham, described it himself as a "history", and envisaged an audience which would "hear, read or see it" — testimony to the indivisibility of its graphic and textual elements.

Geographical knowledge of seven centuries ago may seem "ignorance" from a 20th century vantage point. It is doubtful if those scholars who consulted the Mappa Mundi in the past would agree, nor those who, one hopes, will gain access in the future.

Historians of cartography have not made the mistake of seeing it as just a "map", in the limited modern sense. It is as much an allegory of sacred history from the Fall to the Judgement, with a connection to Hereford that probably extends back to its completion there around 1290. As such, it remains a beacon for scholars from many disciplines.

Yours faithfully,
TONY CAMPBELL,
The British Library, Map Library,
Great Russell Street, WC1.

From Mrs Meriel Armstrong

Sir, May I reply to Dr Noble Frankland? My father (A. L. Moir), a prebendary of Hereford Cathedral, spent many hours of his retirement in the last two decades of his life explaining to visitors both the delights and the Christian significance of the Mappa Mundi.

The Mappa Mundi is theological, not geographical; not a map in the modern sense but an "*estoire*" (as the Mappa itself calls it) — an epic tale of God's relationship with man.

The essential truths of Christian belief, as relevant today as 700 years ago, are here expressed in visual form. The crucifixion is central at Jerusalem, God's response to our disobedience. The story of our redemption is unfolded through the Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark, the Exodus, etc.

Death encircles us (the word MORS is written round the edge). But outside the circle of the world and death, and above all, is Christ revealing in his stigmata the depth of his love for us.

The map has enhanced significance as a Christian document as long as it remains in the cathedral upon which it also confers distinction. Removed from the cathedral, it is merely a museum piece.

Yours faithfully,
MERIEL ARMSTRONG,
The Vicarage, 86 High Street,
Bottisham, Cambridge.

From Dr Michael Straiton

Sir, Vatican treasures are held in trust by the Holy See for humanity, as part of our civilisation's heritage. This principle is underlined by Article XVIII of the 1929 Lateran Treaty with Italy, which agrees that they "will remain visible to scholars and visitors".

Has the time now come when similar protection for our great national treasures should be available too?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL STRAITON,
Culver Farm, Old Compton Lane,
Farnham, Surrey.

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Dearth of beds for mentally ill

From Professor Anthony W. Clare

Sir, As a consultant psychiatrist working in the City and Hackney Health District, I recently received a document from the neighbouring Tower Hamlets District Health Authority, requesting my views concerning the closure of 12 of the 95 beds provided by that district for the diagnosis and treatment of acutely ill psychiatric patients.

An example of good inter-district planning, you might say, save for the fact that the beds had already been closed!

The document stated quite bluntly that the reason was purely financial — the estimated saving by March 31, 1989, being £160,000. It admitted that 65 admissions would be prevented, but declared blandly that these highly disturbed individuals would instead be cared for by "their general practitioners and community psychiatric services."

This is plainly misleading. The GPs and community psychiatric services of Tower Hamlets, in common with many inner London health services, are already under the most intense strain. My admission staff are regularly asked by GPs, social workers and the police to admit patients from adjacent areas of London because beds are unavailable. It is rare that we can help, for our own beds are usually absolutely full.

The further reduction of the psychiatric services of Tower Hamlets means further pressure right through the hospital, community and primary care services. The decision may be perfectly understandable, given the authority's parlous financial state, but it is no less disgraceful for that.

It is plain now that the psychiatric services are no longer the priority services they once were.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY W. CLARE,
St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College,
Department of Psychological Medicine,
West Smithfield, EC1.
November 25.

Conveyancing change

From Mr Michael G. Clark

Sir, Writing as a member of the Farrand committee on conveyancing which recommended the end of the solicitors' sole right to convey property by creating the licensed conveyancer — a recommendation on which the Government acted — I refer to the emotive article on estate agents by the Assistant Secretary General of the Law Society (November 22).

Mr Merricks states that the estate business has "no professional standards, no tests of fitness or competence". The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers have codes of conduct, applying to principles and staff alike, every bit as stringent as those required of solicitors.

The article makes no mention of the Estate Agents Act 1979, nor the strenuous efforts which the professional bodies have made to persuade the Government to implement, however belatedly, Section 22 to require minimum competence standards on *all* estate agents. The Law Society in any case claims that the Act does not apply to solicitors.

Most significantly of all, Mr Merricks makes not a single reference to the fact that many solicitors may act as estate agents. If the Law Society is so concerned to avoid conflicts of interest and to preserve independence of advice on the sale and purchase of a house, why did it relax its own rules only last year, to encourage its members to perform both functions?

Does the Law Society really think its members have a monopoly of probity, professionalism and competence? Complaints to the Society about conduct and service, not long ago said to be running at 100 each week, appear to indicate rather a different public perception.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL G. CLARK (President, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 1987-88),
194-198 High Street,
Uckfield, East Sussex.

From Sir Nicholas Couper

Sir, Mr Walter Merricks' interesting article on estate agents' "dodgy practices" has certainly hit a raw nerve. To a "gentleman" trading as an estate agent for the last 12 years in the London residential market, the falling standards of behaviour are all too self-evident.

The general public, however, only have themselves to blame. They seem to admire pushy agents who provide a service 24 hours, seven days a week, and so often look upon their house or flat as a trading commodity.

Unlike solicitors, estate agents make no charge for abortive work or advice; and one must remember that the vendor, not the applicant, is the client. In order to get the best results from an agent I suggest the buyer retains him (at a fee of 1 per cent) to act on the purchase. The best advice is never free.

I warmly welcome the regulation. In the meantime, *caveat emptor*.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS COUPER,
103 Kensington Church Street,
London W8.

Back to year dot

From Dr F. R. Allchin, FBA

Sir, Dr Tuplin's interesting letter (November 17) leaves one question unanswered. When did the use of BC gain currency in ordinary writing?

Sir William Jones, writing on the *Chronology of the Hindus* in 1788, 32 years after Blair's *Chronology*, uses the abbreviation YBC (Year before Christ) in some of his tables; but in the body of his text he gives a date as "452 BC", without further comment. This suggests that — at least among progressive thinkers such as Jones — the BC usage had already gained currency.

Incidentally, Jones seems also to have realised the usefulness of a dating system comparable to the "BP" (before present) of radiocarbon chronology. In "another table in the same work he gives dates, counting back from the current year, in "years from 1788 of our era".

Yours faithfully,
F. R. ALLCHIN,
University of Cambridge,
Faculty of Oriental Studies,
Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge.
November 22.

Romanian honours

From Father G. P. M. Adams

Sir, I naturally concur with the sentiments of Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home and others (November 23) regarding the fate of Doina Cornea, and deplore the alleged threats by the Romanian authorities that continued interest in her will damage relations between our two countries.

However, I cannot agree that the Queen should be advised to return the insignia of the Order of the Star, 1st Class, that she received in 1978. If such advice was given, where would it end? The Queen received the Grand Collar of the Order of Idris I of Libya in 1954 and the Grand Collar of the Order of the Liberator General San Martin of Argentina in 1960.

There must surely be more effective means to show the British Government's strong disapproval of the actions of foreign governments who violate human rights?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM P. M. ADAMS,
7 Sutton Close,
Aston-le-Walls,
Daventry, Northamptonshire.
November 23.

From the Secretary General of the Royal Society of Chemistry

Sir, Mrs Douglas-Home and others suggest that the Royal Society of Chemistry should withdraw "honours" which we have "bestowed" on Madame Ceausescu.

For the record, Madame Ceausescu was elected as a professional member of this society in 1978, at the time of her husband's state visit, on the same basis as everyone else — i.e., specifically on her qualifications and experience as a chemist. She is not and never has been an honorary fellow of the society as your correspondents appear to suggest.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. GOW, Secretary General,
Royal Society of Chemistry,
Burlington House,
Piccadilly, W1.
November 23.

Father's footsteps

From Mr Peter D. Palmer

Sir, It was interesting to read Mr Johns' letter (November 14) on his father's numerous changes of residence while he was a minister in the Methodist Church.

My great-grandfather, the Reverend Jabez Palmer, was a Wesleyan minister. The circuits he administered read rather like a Cook's tour of Great Britain:

1837, Wellington; 1838, Hastings; 1840, Ipswich; 1841, Daventry; 1842, Croydon; 1843, Stamford Bridge; 1844, Swaffham; 1846, Berwick on Tweed; 1848, Pocklington; 1849, Dundee; 1852, Aberdeen; 1855, Perth; 1858, Stirling; 1861, Tenterden; 1864, Deal; 1867, Carmarthen; 1869, Barking; 1872, Leighton Buzzard; 1875, Diss; 1877, Downham; 1880, Ely; 1882, London; 1885, Bethnal Green; 1886, Clapton.

He had eight children; six of his seven sons also became clergymen.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
P. D. PALMER,
205 Willingdon Road,
Eastbourne, Sussex.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 26: The Queen was represented by Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire) at the Memorial Service for Mr Kingman Brewster (formerly United States Ambassador to the Court of St James's) which was held in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by the Right Hon Sir Patrick Nairne.

November 27: The Duke of Edinburgh, International President of WWF — World Wide Fund for Nature, gave an Advent Address at a morning service of divine worship at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

KENSINGTON PALACE
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November 26: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by Lady Juliet Townsend at the Memorial Service for Mr Kingman Brewster which was held in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 27: The Duchess of Gloucester, Vice-Patron of Queen's Club, was present this afternoon at the Finals of the Prudential National Tennis Championships at Queen's Club, Palliser Road, London W14.

Miss Suzanne Marland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 26: The Duchess of Kent, Co-Patron of The Queen Alia Welfare Fund, left Heathrow Airport, London today to visit Jordan.

Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival at the airport by His Excellency Dr Albert Butros (Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) and Mr Robin Baxendale (Manager, Special Facilities, British Airports Authority).

Miss Sarah Partridge is in attendance.

Memorial service

Mr Kingman Brewster
The Queen was represented by Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Sir Patrick Nairne, at a memorial service for Mr Kingman Brewster held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the United World Colleges International Council, was represented by Sir Albert Sloman, Chairman of the International Board of the United World Colleges, and Princess Margaret by Lady Juliet Townsend.

The Rev Brian Mountford, who also read the first lesson, and the Dean of Windsor, officiated. Dr Leslie Mitchell read the second lesson and Mr J. Irwin Miller gave an address.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Nicholas Henderson and the American Ambassador and Mrs Price attended. Among others present were:

Mrs Brewster (widow), Mr and Mrs Riley Brewster (son and daughter-in-law); Lord Jenkins of Hillhead (Chancellor of Oxford University) with Sir Patrick Neill (Vice-chancellor) and the Pro-Proctors; Lord Goodman, CH; Lady Radcliffe-Maud, Sir John Graham (representing the Ditchley Foundation), Sir Ian Gourlay (director-general, United World Colleges) and Lady Gourlay with Mr Antonin Besse (vice-president) and Mrs Besse; Lady Sloman, Lady Henderson, Mr John Toulmin, QC (Middle Temple) and Mrs Toulmin, the Rev Professor Rowan Williams (Clare College, Cambridge), Mr Peter Brown (Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam and Roberts), the Very Rev G H S Wild, Dr Robert McGeehan (Fulbright Commission), former Masters, Fellows and Heads of Houses of University College, Oxford.

Service dinners

100 (Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA
General Sir Richard Vincent, Honorary Colonel of the 100 (Yeomanry) Field Regiment Royal Artillery Volunteers, presided at a dinner held on Saturday at the RA Mess, Woolwich.

37th (Wessex and Welsh) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)
The officers of 37th (Wessex and Welsh) Signal Regiment (Volunteers) held their annual dinner at Bristol on Saturday. The honorary colonel, Major-General A. Yeoman and the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J. D. Cox, welcomed the guests. The principal guest was Brigadier J. O. C. Alexander.

Dinner

British-Yugoslav Society
Sir Fitzroy Maclean, President of the British-Yugoslav Society, was host at the annual dinner held at the Gloucester Hotel on Saturday to mark Yugoslavia's National Day (Novemebr 29). Among those present were the Yugoslav Ambassador and Mme Calovski, Sir Edwin Bolland, Lady Stewart of Appin and Major-General and Mrs R B Loudoun.

Appointments

Professor Bernard Alford, professor of economic and social history at Bristol University, to be a member of the Advisory Council on Public Records.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
VICE-ADMIRAL: Sir Benjamin Bathurst – to be promoted Admiral and to be Commander-in-Chief Fleet, Allied Commander-in-Chief Channel and Commander-in-Chief Eastern Atlantic Area 21.4.89.

CAPTAIN: M C Boyce – SNOME 4.2.89 (in the rank of Cdre); A P Moran – Staff of CINCNAVHOME 23.12.88, R N Woodward – Neptune 6.12.88 (in the rank of Cdre).

COMMANDERS: E C Atkinson – MOD London 5.5.89; K R G Bailey – Centurian 20.1.89; R P Barton – MOD London 16.5.89; P A C Clarke – MOD London 12.6.89; K Hindle-Dryad 26.2.89; P H Jeffrey – MOD London 2.5.89; A N Law – Cochrane 7.2.89; A E Mizen – MOD London 17.2.89; R M Prynn – MOD London 23.3.89; C P Sherwin – Staff of CINCFLEET 19.5.89; R A Wilson – NA Oman – 26.5.89.

Retirements
SURGEON COMMODORE: R Radford – 14.1.89.

CAPTAINS: B J Clarke – 7.1.89; A J Davies – 7.1.89; G A Eades – 7.1.89; R M Kohler – 7.1.89; A J B Laybourne – 7.1.89; F D Lowe – 7.1.89; C Meredith – 7.1.89; P H Wright – 7.1.89.

COMMANDERS: T L Bailey – 28.1.89; C F Heron-Watson – 21.1.89.

The Army
BRIGADIERS: R F Baly – to be Comd Sch of Sigs. 30.11.88; A I H Fyfe – to be MA Moscow. 9.12.88; D J Ralls – to be Comd Avn HQ I(BR) Corps. 7.12.88; A I G Kennedy – to be Comd 24 Inf Bde. 2.12.88; J W Parker – to be Comd 8 Inf Bde. 28.11.88.

COLONELS: J W Davey – to MOD (PE). 28.11.88; M Ewens – to be DIC RAOC M & RD. 2.12.88; K W Steel – to be CO Veh & Wpns Br REME. 1.12.88; D A Cranston – to 2 Inf Div. 28.11.88; C L Elliott – to HQ I(BR). 28.11.88; I K Forward – to RMCS. 28.11.88; H G Heap – to be Comd 16 Ord Gp. 28.11.88. A E G Trulluck – to MOD. 28.11.88.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: R C Gardner RCT – to be CO 150 Tpt Regt. 28.11.88; D S MacFarlane RCT – to BDLS Australia. 1.12.88; J D Moore-Bick RE – to be CO 21 Engr Regt. 28.11.88; P O'Connell RAOC – to be CO Comd Ord Dep HK. 28.11.88; C McA Pyman, Scots DG – to HQ I(BR) Corps. 28.11.88; J M W Stenhouse, Gordons – to MOD. 28.11.88; T J Tedder, Gren GS – to Staff College. 28.11.88; J A B Salmon, Queens – to be CO 6/7 Queens.

Retirements
LIEUTENANT GENERAL: Sir Derek Boorman, late Staffords. 28.11.88.

BRIGADIER: I MacKay, late RHF. 5.12.88; M H Sharpe, late PWO. 3.12.88.

COLONEL: J M Watts, late RAOC. 3.12.88.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: J A Baird – to HQRAFG 30.11.88.

GROUP CAPTAIN: G C Turner – to RAF Hospital Ely as OC 29.11.88; C D Alexander – to 11 Gp 28.11.88; R Blunt – to RAF Halton as OC 28.11.88; C F Cooper – to MOD 28.11.88; M K Widdowson – to RAF Coningsby as Stn Cdr 2.12.88.

WING COMMANDER: F G Allen – to MOD Harrogate 28.11.88; B E Cloke – to HQSTC 28.11.88; C R Morgan – to MOD London 28.11.88; P A G Leach – to MOD London 28.11.88; R M Webster – to MOD (PE) London 28.11.88; M G O'Neill – to 14 MU Carlisle 28.11.88; J A Ball – to MOD CYE 2.12.88; C C Le Cornu – to HQ SHAPE. 2.12.88; R H Bamfield – to MOD (AFD) 28.11.88; J D Tonks – to RAF PM 28.11.88.

Michael Richards

A word with a future

In the struggle for Christian reconciliation, the notion of communion has come to the fore as a conveniently uncontroversial way of speaking of the church that denominations hope to become and the societies that they are already.

Where words such as authority and law bring about heated confrontation, communion bestows sweetness and light. The liturgical celebration of communion establishes bonds between those who in other ways are divided. "I thank God", said Dr Robert Runcie at the opening of the Lambeth Conference this summer, "that we form a *communion*: not an empire, nor a federation, but a communion — a fellowship based on our gathering at the Lord's table."

The New Testament writings certainly use the word communion *(koinonia)* in a number of contexts to express the heart and soul of human life restored in Christ. They speak of our communion with the Son (1 Cor 1:9) and with the Spirit (2 Cor 13:13), with *the Body and Blood of Christ* (1 Cor 10:16,17), with his sufferings and those of others (Phil 4:15), with the poor (Rom 15:26; 2 Cor 8:4, 9:13), and with other Christians, in a single mission (Gal 2:9). It signifies a real relationship and a real sharing, with God, with one another, and with those to whom Christ preached in his suffering.

How does this state of communion come about? St John puts it like this: "What we have seen and heard, we proclaim also to you, so that you too may be in communion with us" (1 John 1:3). A report of the events Christ's followers had seen and of the teaching they had heard was passed on to others, enabling them to hear and accept it as true, and thus to enter the communion of believers. Communion is created by the common recognition of truth.

The apostles speak of themselves as servants of the Word; they must above all communicate a message, embracing both external events and the appropriate personal response; by that means they will call together the Body of Christ and make it into a single communion.

If their preaching is received as the Word of God, then the Church of God springs up, grows, flourishes and spreads (1 Th: 2:13, 4:1-2; Gal 1:11-12; Col 2:6-8). "The Gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you — believing anything else will not lead to anything", says St Paul (1 Cor 15:12). "You must be rooted and grounded in him and built on him and held firm by the faith you have been taught" (Col 2:6-7).

Teaching always takes the first place. "They remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the communion, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). *This summary of* the way of life of the apostolic church is not a casual listing but a clear, straightforward example of the pattern that runs through the entire structure and activity of the first Christian generation.

The eucharist, expressing and creating communion, belonged of course to the material the church had to transmit; it was part of the demonstration that the message was true. But it could never be detached from the word that gave it birth and that, being accepted, made the people of God fit to receive it and therefore to give thanks.

The principle that faith comes first, that minds and hearts can only be joined together by a willing assent to truth, is the key to all ecumenism and to all pastoral care. By choosing to begin its discussions with the subordinate themes of eucharist and ministry, the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) adopted the naively undemanding approach to unity that has persistently sought reconciliation primarily through liturgical interchange.

At its very first meeting in 1967, this starting point, setting the church in subordination to her message, was suggested to the Preparatory Commission, but protracted skirmishing on fringe issues has been preferred to serious engagement with the one theme necessary. Even when the commission turned to the subject of authority, it made government, rather than teaching, the main focus of its attention.

But communion is generated by a common language; it exists among those who hear and take to heart the Word of God and can therefore speak with one another. *Historical and cultural associations, national loyalties, aesthetic preferences, intellectual options, ceremonial affinities, these do not make communion.*

A church — any church — threatened with internal disruption will only find accord in a joint recognition of the same standards of doctrine. Divided churches, looking for the unity they believe ought somehow to exist, cannot possibly expect to find it unless they are able to discern the one Word that for the Apostles articulated the one Church of Christ.

Canon Richards is a Roman Catholic theologian and former editor of The Clergy Review.

Birthdays today

Dr G.S.G. Beveridge, vice-chancellor, The Queen's University of Belfast, 55; Lady Bottomley, 82; Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown, 61; Mr Geoffrey Clarke, artist and sculptor, 64; Lord Justice Croom-Johnson, 74; Mr F.C.H. du Preez, rugby player, 53; Mr Terence Frisby, playwright, actor and producer, 56; Sir Ronald Gibson, former chairman of council, BMA, 79; the Right Rev M.G. Hare Duke, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, 63; Miss Enid Lakeman, editorial consultant, Electoral Reform Society, 85; Mr Keith Miller, cricketer, 69; Signor Alberto Moravia, author, 81; Lieutenant-General Sir David Mostyn, 60; Miss Dervla Murphy, author, 57; the Right Rev Patrick Rodger, former Bishop of Oxford, 68; Mr H.S. Tate, chairman, London FOX, 57; Major-General R.E. Urquhart, 87.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will attend a reception and luncheon in honour of Dame Ninette de Valois at Plaisterers' Hall at 12.45.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot), will visit the 1st Battalion at the Cinque Ports Training Area, Kent, at 10.15; and will open the South East Thames Regional Health Authority's new Regional Distribution Centre at Maidstone at 3.30. As President of the Save the Children Fund she will give the Lancing Lecture in the Chapel of Lancing College, Sussex, at 5.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit Essex. He will arrive at Chelmsford station at 10.40 and Cricketers Close, Broomfield, at 11.10.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.S.R. Younger and Miss H.M. Chalk
The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of the Hon George and Mrs Younger, of Easter Leckie, Gargunnock, Stirling, and Hilary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Chalk, of The Old Rectory, Whepstead, Suffolk.

Mr P.G.M. Hatvany and Miss A.C.M. Swan
The engagement is announced between Peter Galbraith Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Paul Hatvany, of Ardgay, Box, Wiltshire, and Anastasia Cecilia Mary, youngest daughter of Dr Conrad Swan, CVO, PhD, FSA, York Herald of Arms, and The Lady Hilda Swan of Boxford House, Boxford, Suffolk.

Mr C.W.A. Gross and Miss C.S. Hunter
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Kemlo Gross, of Fordwich, Kent, and Catherine (Kitty), youngest daughter of Sir Ian Hunter, of Hyde Park Gate, London, and the late Mrs Susan Hunter.

Mr P.M. Heskett and Miss M. Mattenet
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A.D. Heskett, of Reigate, Surrey, and Marcela, daughter of Dr R. Mattenet and Dra N. Feminia, of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Mr T.C. Holder and Miss K.S. Abele
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs L.W. Holder, of Ipswich, Suffolk, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.N. Abele, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr M.A. Barraud and Miss S.J. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of the late Mr Anthony Barraud, and Mrs Belinda Forster, and stepson of Mr David Forster, of Leigh, Kent, and Sara, younger daughter of Mr John Taylor, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Jean Smallwood, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr A.J. McAloon and Miss M.M. Hanly
The engagement is announced between Tony, son of Mr and Mrs Frank McAloon, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Marian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Hanly, of Highcliffe, Dorset.

Mr P.P.C. Nash and Miss P.J. Hill
The engagement is announced between Craig, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Nash, of Aughawoney Lodge, Co Donegal, and Penny, daughter of Colonel and Mrs J.R.M. Hill, of Mill Cottage, Donhead St Andrew, Dorset.

Mr D.G. Sherwood and Miss J.M. Dixon Smith
The engagement is announced between David Gerald, youngest son of Mr Nat Sherwood, of Easthorpe Hall, Essex, and of Mrs Diana Sherwood, of Abberton, Essex, and Jennifer Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Dixon Smith, of Lyons Hall, Braintree, Essex.

Mr P.D. Spencer and Miss R.E. Ayris
The engagement is announced between Paul David Spencer, eldest son of Dr and Mrs David Spencer, of Estepona, Spain, and Rachel Elizabeth Ayris, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Ayris, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

Marriages

Mr C.P. Kirwan-Taylor and Miss H.V.T. Semler
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Cathedral of St Alexandr Nevsky, Paris, of Mr Charles Kirwan-Taylor, son of Mr Peter Kirwan-Taylor, of New York, and of Viscountess Lymington, of London, to Miss Helen Semler, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Semler, of Paris. Father Anatoly Rakovetch and Father Michel Evdokimov officiated.

Mr S.C. Wilcox and Miss E.M. Hay
The marriage took place on Thursday, November 17, 1988, in Copper Mountain, Colorado, United States, of Mr Simon Christopher Wilcox, son of the late Sir Malcolm Wilcox and of Lady (Sheila) Wilcox, of Kennington, London, to Miss Elizabeth McQueen Hay, daughter of Dr W.M. Hay and Dr M.C.C. Hay, of Newlands, Glasgow. The Rev Jed Pancoast officiated.

The bride was attended by Mrs Karen D'Arcy. Mr Ian D'Arcy was best man.

A celebration of this marriage is planned in the New Year.

Mr C. Bendel and Miss L. Cripps
The marriage took place on Saturday at All Saints Church, Fulham, of Mr Colin Bendel, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bendel, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Miss Louisa Cripps, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cripps, of Le Profond Val, St Pierre Du Bois, Guernsey. The Rev K. Bowler officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Alice Richardson, Belinda Richardson, Susan Bendel, Frederic Richardson, and Charles Hudson. Mr Peter Mitchell was best man.

A reception was held at the Hurlingham Club.

Mr D.H. Spencer, QC and Miss C.A. Parn
The marriage took place quietly in London, on Saturday, November 26, 1988, between Mr Derek Spencer, QC and Miss Caroline Parn.

A reception will be held in January.

Services

A memorial service for Sir Edward Hulton will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, November 30, at noon.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady C.V. Osborn will be held in The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, SW1, on Friday, December 9, at noon.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Pat Besford will be held at noon tomorrow, Tuesday, November 29, at St Bride's, Fleet Street. No flowers, donations if desired, to the Sports Aid Foundation.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr H.E. "Pru" Prudden will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 1988, at 11 o'clock at St Katherine Cree, Leadenhall Street, London, EC3.

Harrow School

An Assisted Boarding Place: As well as the usual Scholarships and Bursaries available for boys between 13 and 14 years on September 1, 1989, there will be awarded one Assisted Boarding place for a boy from a Local Authority School. Funds are available for all costs to be paid, subject to parental income. Full details and entry forms may be obtained from The Head Master's Secretary, 1 High Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex, HA1 3HW. 01-422 2196.

New Zealand Society

The following have been elected to serve as officers of the New Zealand Society for the ensuing year:

President, Mr David C.F. Hassis; Senior Vice-President, Mr Brian J. Aitken; Junior Vice-President, Mr Dott W.W. Harwood. Honorary Chaplain, the Revd David Burgess, MA (Guild Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall); Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs Diana Cope.

The December Sky at Night feature will be published tomorrow.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Florence, 1632; William Blake, London, 1757; Friedrich Engels, co-author of the *Communist Manifesto*, Barmen, Germany, 1820.

DEATHS: Gian Bernini, sculptor, Rome, 1680; Matsuo Basho, poet, Osaka, Japan, 1694; Washington Irving, writer, Tarrytown, New York, 1859; Enrico Fermi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1938, Chicago, 1954; Havergal Brian, composer, Shoreham, Sussex, 1972.

Nature notes

The emphatic whistling of nuthatches is heard in the treetops again. They are agile, blue and white birds that can run up a tree trunk or walk down it head first with equal ease. They often lodge an acorn in a crack in a branch, and hammer it open with their beak; just now, each blow may send down a shower of withered leaves.

Grey wagtails usually haunt the banks of streams or rocks in the water; at present, they are sometimes to be seen on the islands of dead leaves that form in slow-flowing ditches. Kestrels are ranging wide in search of beetles and small birds; if one meets a flock of black-headed gulls, the gulls swirl round it, screaming, and the kestrel replies with a shrill shattering cry as it tries to dodge them.

In the hedges there are necklaces of bright red berries up to five feet long on the black bryony. White dead-nettle and groundsel are still in flower.

Lizards and newts are now in hibernation in dry hollows under stones or logs. Adders are sleeping under dead vegetation, sometimes coiled together. Some frogs are still active. Spiders lie still in their old, derelict webs.

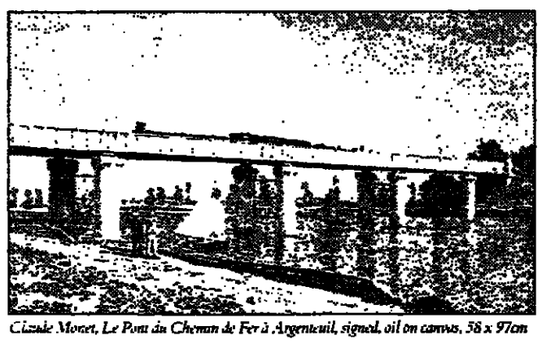
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Pick of the week at Christies



Pablo Picasso, Acrobate et jeune Arlequin, signed and dated, gouache on board, 105 x 75cm

THIS EVENING, at 7.00 p.m., Christie's will hold an auction of Impressionist and Modern Works of Art. Some of the most beautiful pieces by the most famous artists have been gathered together and several record auction prices are anticipated.



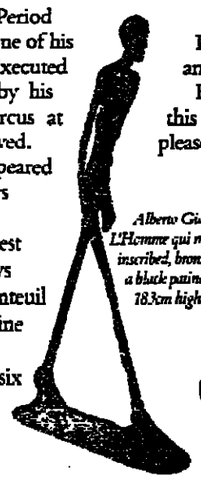
Claude Monet, Le Pont du Chemin de Fer à Argenteuil, signed, oil on canvas, 58 x 97cm

The sale will be dominated by this Rose Period Picasso, considered to be one of his most important pictures. Executed in 1905, it was inspired by his frequent visits to the circus at Montmartre, where he lived. The picture has now appeared on the market after 50 years in a private collection.

Also of particular interest is this Monet, which shows the railway bridge at Argenteuil and sailing boats on the Seine bathed in sunshine, and Giacometti's monumental six foot bronze of a walking man.

Other highlights of the auction will be major works by Degas, Gauguin, Renoir, Klee and Ernst.

For any further information on this and other sales in the next week, please telephone: (01) 839 9060.



Alberto Giacometti, L'Homme qui marche I, inscribed, bronze with a black patina, 183cm high

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OBITUARIES

PRINCE MUHAMMAD

Son of Saudi Arabia's founder

Prince Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz, the dynamic but strong-tempered oldest surviving son of King Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, the creator and founder of Saudi Arabia, died on November 25, reportedly aged 80.

He was for long an important and influential member of Saudi royal consultations. His dislike of his father's successor, the late King Saud, was famous. He refused to take an oath of allegiance to him. As Saud's reign ran into increasing difficulties, leading finally to his being deposed in 1964, Muhammad proved one of the late King Faisal's staunchest supporters. He replaced Saud in 1964, at which time Muhammad formally renounced his own rights.

Since that time Muhammad held no direct posts of power in the government but he remained one of the royal family's elder statesmen. He also pursued various business and philanthropic interests and built many mosques for he was all his life a devout Wahabi fundamentalist Muslim.

In Britain the prince's name suddenly came into the limelight after his decision to order the execution of a granddaughter, Princess Misha' al, in November 1977 for committing adultery with a commoner and nephew of a Cabinet minister. This became the subject of an ATV television film, *Death of a Princess*, which when it was shown in Britain in April 1980 caused a major diplomatic rift between London and Riyadh.

The Saudi government called the film "an insult to Islam" and "an attack on the Saudi royal family."

Lord Carrington, then Foreign Secretary, travelled to Saudi Arabia later that year in an attempt to placate the Saudis' feelings and after British firms there had experienced growing difficulties over securing contracts.

The execution was not carried out by the Saudi officials — it was said the King had refused to sign a death warrant for the 23 year-old princess — but by Prince Muhammad's men. Further, the punishments were not sanctioned by Islamic Sharia law. Instead of being shot six times in the head, the princess should have been stoned to death.

Prince Muhammad, sixth among King Abdul Aziz's 45 sons, was born in Riyadh around 1908. He was a man of the desert, who loved hunting with the falcon and with a rifle. As a young man he helped his father fighting in the campaigns which united the Hijaz and Najd regions into the present Saudi kingdom by 1932.

In the late 1920s his role in the capture of the holy place of Medina resulted in his father bestowing on him the title of Amir of Medina.

SIR LEONARD DALDRY

Banking in Nigeria

Sir Leonard Charles Daldry, KBE, who made a powerful contribution through banking to opening up Nigeria's economy both before and after independence, has died at the age of 80.

His career was closely linked with the "winds of change" which were sweeping through then colonial Africa in the 1950s and 1960s. From the outset he saw independence as an inevitability and the bank as an important influence for Nigerian progress and development. Under him, expansion of the bank network was rapid; from the half dozen branches in 1957 when he arrived as local director, there were more than 80 by 1962.

Nigerian infrastructure was then at best sketchy and opening a new branch often meant loading a one-ton safe on a lorry, with a set of books and a supply of blank stationery and cheque books, and pointing a young British expatriate to a destination some hundreds of miles away through the bush.

Daldry was tireless and conscientious in himself visiting the far-flung network and made a special point of utilising funds in the communities in which they had been raised.

Daldry's contribution to Nigeria's development was first recognised by the then colonial government making him a member of the Nigerian Railways Corporation in 1955 and in 1960 he had a unique experience becoming a Senator in the Federal Legislature. He was the only European with 357 Nigerians at the first joint sitting of the Senate with the House of Representatives after independence.

Born in Ipswich, Daldry had joined Barclays Bank Limited in 1929, subsequently transferring to Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas).

He served first in East Africa and then New York, before settling in to what was to become his life's work with an appointment as Local Director for the then British colonies of Nigeria, Gold Coast and Sierra Leone as well as the Cameroons in 1952.

Following independence for the Gold Coast in 1957, the bank's business was divided, and Daldry became Local Director for Nigeria.

In many ways an austere man who did not make friends easily, Daldry was dedicated to the goals he set himself and possessed qualities which inspired trust in both Nigerians and British expatriates alike.

After retiring from banking in 1963, Daldry became a member of the executive committee of St. Loye's College for the Disabled, Exeter, in 1965 and served as chairman from 1969 until 1984.

JOHN CRESSWELL PARKIN

Modernist architect in Canada

Mr John Cresswell Parkin, who died on November 22 at the age of 66, was one of Canada's most renowned architects.

Among his creations was Terminal One at Toronto's International Airport and the soaring, semi-circular Toronto City Hall, which he co-designed with Viljo Revell. A staunch member of the modernist school, Parkin was often called the Frank Lloyd Wright of Canada.

In the mid 1970s, he won a nation-wide competition for the proposed National Art Gallery in Ottawa but the project fell victim to government cuts. The gallery project was revived several years later, in another part of the city, but this time the government chose a different architect, Moshe Safdie, though with Parkin as his associate. The museum was finally opened earlier this year.

Born in England of Canadian parents, he studied architecture at the University of Manitoba and at Harvard, where he was among the pupils of Walter Gropius.

Setting up his own architectural firm in Toronto Parkin designed buildings in many parts of Canada. He was responsible for designing and building health sciences complexes at Memorial University in St John's, Newfoundland, and at the University of Ottawa, as well as additions to the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto.

He also designed the Bata International Centre and the IBM Canada headquarters in Toronto. Working with Mies van der Rohe, he was co-designer of the Toronto-Dominion Bank Centre in Toronto.

Parkin was a past president of the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts and of the Canadian Conference of the Arts. In 1972 he was made a Companion of the Order of Canada.

LEON POMERANCE

Benefactor of Greek archaeology

Mr Leon Pomerance, the American businessman whose money and enthusiasm made possible the excavation of the Minoan palace of Zakro in Crete, has died in New York aged 81.

For many years a trustee of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), Pomerance's interest in archaeology began with the collecting of Greek antiquities. With time, realising the damage and loss of evidence that resulted from looting of sites for the international art market, he turned to generous sponsorship of excavations and archaeological science.

In 1962 he and his wife, Harriet, began a series of grants to the Greek Archaeological Service, which enabled Nicholas Platon, the archaeologist, to excavate the newly-discovered Minoan site at Kato Zakro, on the eastern tip of Crete.

The site proved to be that of a palace of some 250 rooms, dating to about 1600 BC and comparable with, though smaller than, the famous Minoan palaces of Knosses and Phaistos in central Crete.

The finds from Zakro documented a thriving Minoan trade across the eastern Mediterranean with Egypt and Syria; the Pomerances not only paid for the excavations, but also spent a month each year until 1971 helping Platon with his excavations.

PAT BESFORD

Sportswriter on swimming

Pat Besford, who last July received the International Olympic Committee's award as the journalist who had done most to promote Olympism in the United Kingdom, died on November 22, aged 69.

She had been the British Olympic Association press attache for the last three Games, the first woman chairman of the Sportswriters' Association (1966), the first honorary secretary of the European Sportswriters' Union (UEPF).

She began writing on swimming for the *Daily Mail* and broadcasting for the BBC, and in 1961 became swimming correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*.

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And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, the city of righteousness, the faithful city.
Isaiah 1:26

BIRTHS

COOMBE - On November 24th, at Kingston General Hospital, to Patricia (née Ingledew) and Timothy, a son, Alastair Michael Jackson, a brother for Sebastian.

DEAN - On November 24th, to Charlotte (née Unwin) and James, a son Alastair William.

DOBBER - On 16th November at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Caroline (née Perry) and Adrian, a son, John Edmund Charles, a brother for Clare. Doo gratias.

GUYOT d'ASNIÈRES de SALINS - On November 25th 1988, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Ghislaine (née de Bayer) and Gilles-Guy, a daughter, Anne, a sister for Tiphaine.

HAUGHTON - On Nov 24th, to Tessa (née Demetriadi) and Michael, a daughter Cara Marie, a sister for Tommy.

HURLEY - See Tesh

MOULE - On November 21st, 1988 to Kate (née Richardson) and Colin, a son, Harry Douglas.

TESH - On November 19th, 1988 at the Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Hurley) and Simon, a daughter Emily Mary Alice.

THOMSON - On November 22nd, to Alyson (née Parker) and Duncan, a daughter, Susanna Elizabeth.

TRESS - On November 20th, at Kingston Hospital, to Melvin (née Reed) and Tom, a daughter, Amy Alexandra, a sister for Caroline and John.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

GREEN-CLAYTON - On November 26th, 1963 at the British Embassy and Christ Church, Bangkok, John Green to Veronica Clayton. Now at 205 Woodford Rd. Woodford, Bramhall, Cheshire.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

SCROPE-SYKES On November 28th 1928 at Westminster Cathedral The marriage of Adrian (Bunty) and Everilda (Petsy).

DEATHS

ASHBY - On November 25th 1988, peacefully at home, Frances Ruth, aged 76 years of Enmore, Bridgewater. Beloved mother of Jacqueline, Vivienne and the late Richard. Much loved granny of Rebecca, Jacob and Gideon. Funeral service to take place Thurloxton Parish Church on Wednesday November 30th at 2pm followed by interment. Family flowers only but donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation maybe sent to F W Sweet Funeral Service, 37 Church Road, Wembdon, Bridgewater.

CARSLAW - On Thursday November 24th 1988, peacefully at Dumoon, James Stewart Carslaw M.B.Ch.B (Glas) Group Capt RAF (retd) aged 82. Funeral at Kilmun Church Argyle on Wednesday November 30th at 1pm. Flowers may be sent to the Church.

CORRIGAL - On November 24th, 1988 suddenly at Perth Royal Infirmary, Ernest R. Corrigal C.B.E., M.R.C.V.S., - D.V.S.M. Dearly beloved husband of Catherine Mary. Willowbank House, Dunning.

FAIRBAIRN - On November 25th 1988, peacefully at Sidmouth. Capt. Charles Stanley Fairbairn, M.B.E., M.M aged 97 years. Late Royal Artillery, and Bucks, and Berks, Yeo. beloved husband of the late Mary Edith Fairbairn. Requiem at Sidmouth Roman Catholic Church. Tomorrow Tuesday November 29th at 11 am followed by interment at the cemetery.

FOX-CARLYON - On November 24th 1988, peacefully at the Court, Chatmouth, Dorset. Margaret Georgina, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Burial service 11 am on Thursday 1st December at Saint Cosans, Washaway. Bodmin. Flowers if desired to R.J. Bray, Bridgend, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

FRIEDLANDER - On November 22nd, at home, after a short illness, Margaret (Penny), most loved wife of Peter and mother of Tim, of Holt, Norfolk, formerly of Barnes, London. Funeral private.

GOLDING - On November 24th, 1988, very peacefully at home, Winifred Marian (Winnie). Wife of the late Kenneth Golding and mother of Janet and Susan. Private funeral, no flowers or letters please, but donations to "The Paul Strickland Scanner Centre Appeal" Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2RN.

JEFFREYS - On November 25th, Charles Richard Jeffreys FCA, peacefully in hospital. Much loved husband of Daphne, father of Anthony and Carol, grandfather of Richard, Clair, Joanna and Caroline. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. Service at Woking Crematorium on Friday December 2nd at 11.30am.

KALMUS - On November 24th, Hans aged 82. Husband of Nussy, father of Peter, George and Elsa, brother of Evelyn and Liesl. Funeral at West Herts Crematorium Garston Watford on November 30th at 3pm. Donations if desired to Children In Need. Enquiries to Elsie Weston Funeral Directors 96A Luton Road Harpenden Herts. Telephone 05827 2865/53595.

KINGSTON - On November 22nd 1988 suddenly, Olive Hathaway aged 78 years of Northwood, beloved mother of Richard, Donald, Brian, Valerie, Alan and June. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood on Friday December 2nd at 12.30 pm followed by interment at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. Flowers to: E Spark Ltd. Tel. (09274) 26572

LITHGOW - On November 23rd 1988, at Stamford, Winchester, Muriel Redmond, widow of James, Crabb Lithgow. Private Cremation on Thursday, December 1st. All flowers and enquiries please to John Sheal & Son, Chesil House, 6 Chesil St, Winchester, Tel (0962) 63195.

MORLEY - On November 23rd 1988, John, Loving husband of Gillian and dearly loved father of Claire and Georgina. Private cremation on December 2nd 1988 followed at 12 noon by thanksgiving service at St Lawrence's Church, Scalby.

PENNELL - On November 24th, peacefully at home, 28 Draycott Place, London SW3, Cynthia aged 91 years. Beloved mother of Adrian and Cherry and grandmother of Simon and Jeremy. Funeral service on Thursday December 1st at St. Mary's, Cadogan Street, Chelsea at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. Flowers, if desired, may be sent to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, London W8.

ROBINSON, On Thursday November 24th at The Queens Medical Centre Nottingham, Michael Edward, Beloved husband of Anne. Loved by all who knew him. Funeral Service at 2.15 pm on November 29th at St. Barnabas Cathedral, Derby Road, Nottingham followed by cremation at Wilsrod Hill. Enquiries and flowers to A. W. Lymn, Robinhood House, Robinhood Steet. Tel (0602) 505875.

ROCKE - On November 26th, Margaret Isle of Bratton Wilts, peacefully at Ilsom House, Nursing Home, Tetbury; wife of the late Gilbert Mansfield and mother of Stephen and Catherine. Cremation at Kingsdown Crematorium, St. Margaret, Swindon on December 5th at 11.30am. Family flowers only.

ROSE - On Wednesday November 23rd, at Moor Cottage, Cookham-on-Thames, Dulcie Grace aged 90 years, formerly of Highgate, beloved wife for nearly 60 years of the late William Rose and mother of Lois and Bill much loved and cherished by those close to her. There will be a funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham on Tuesday November 29th at 11.15 am followed by private cremation at Golders Green Crematorium.

RUFF - On November 25th, in the Royal Free Hospital London, Helen, aged 95. Former housekeeper to the late Sir George Cockerell. Dear friend and companion of the late E.L. Holdright of Holdright's Golf and Tennis School. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Wednesday November 30th at 2.45pm. Enquiries and floral tributes to Leverton & Sons Ltd, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3 or donations if desired to Age Concern, 54 Knatchbull Road, London SE5.

SIMMONDS - On Tuesday November 15th, tragically, Hugh John Simmonds C.B.E., aged 40 years, dear husband of Janet, and loving father of Juliet and Tanya. Cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 2pm on Thursday December 1st. Flowers or donations, to Dr. Barnardo's, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex or Arnos Taverners, Holmdale, Colnes Lane, Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire.

TUCKWELL - On 25th November 1988, after a short illness, Richard Eric, dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Penelope and Caroline. Funeral service at Kingsdown Crematorium near Swindon on Friday 2nd December at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Hillier Funeral Servies (0793-22797). Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place London W1H 4DH.

WEDGWOOD - On November 26th 1988, peacefully at Erskine Hospital, Robert Amery Wedgwood, husband of the late Hope Henderson, and father of Tony, Martin and Graeme. Funeral service at St. Michael and All Angels, Helensburgh at 12.00 noon on Wednesday November 30th. Private Cremation afterwards, no flowers please.

WHITE - On November 24th 1988 in hospital after a short illness, Kathleen Alice aged 93 years of Eastbourne and formerly of The Orford House in Bethnal Green. Will be sadly missed by relatives and many friends. Funeral service at St. Mary's, Parish Church, Eastbourne on Friday, December 2nd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Old Parsonage Barn Fund of St Mary's Church, c/o Rev N. Reade. The Vicarage, 28 Vicarage Drive, Eastbourne.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PHILLIPS - Vic. A Memorial Service will be held at All Saints Church, Castle Cary on Thursday, December 8th at 11.30 am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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GRIGSON - Geoffrey. March 2nd, 1905 -, November 29, 1985."The loved, once loving dead."

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EDUCATION

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Michael Mavor, the head of Gordonstoun School, wonders whether even the Government thinks AS Levels will catch on



"Universities will of course pay lip service to them because they will be made to do so – but these levels will putter and stutter"

Falstaff had breadth but would have waddled a mile at the thought of three A-levels, let alone five. He did lay claim to one important quality, however, although he probably did not have it: instinct. It is one of the most important impulses for any head, whatever the balance sheet or the columns of notes say, although we have to look at those as well.

In the last few weeks I have listened often to the Secretary of State for Education on radio and television and, thank goodness, one feels that he is instinctively right about several things, the most important being GCSE. Whispers say that when Professor Higginson presented his committee's report on the future of A-levels to Mr Baker he was instinctively "delighted". I suspect he knew the true prince when he saw him.

I have also listened in person to Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education, Robert Jackson, Minister for Higher Education, and Professor Gordon Higginson, now back to being vice-chancellor of Southampton University.Mrs Rumbold gave a cold performance at the Headmasters' Conference at Swansea and referred to Advanced Supplementary Levels only as a practical, temporary measure; Mr Jackson spoke sparklingly at Rugby School about "Arnold Revisited" and the future of education in Britain but became like a wall of bespectacled blancmange when questioned about AS levels, which were, after all, eventually and reluctantly the topic of his talk; while Professor Higginson – rejected, wry, clearly feeling that in being asked to set up a committee to look at the future of A-levels, the Government had for once used a precise economy of rubric – made nearly everyone sit up in their seats in an instinctive warth of applause. His balance sheet was right; and so were the instincts of his committee.

I say "nearly everyone" because there is a strong and thoroughly respectable body of minority opinion that thinks that the future of youth in this country lies with three Advanced Levels and/or Advanced Supplementary Levels. Some distinguished heads of very successful schools are rightly clear about what they do well; they have very clever pupils and such pupils can cope with three A-levels and one or two AS levels.It is worth noting that in his welcome for AS levels in the green Government pamphlet on the subject, Mr Baker refers only to very bright pupils: "AS levels give us a tremendous opportunity to broaden the education of our brightest 17 and 18 year-olds . . ." Have a sniff of That pamphlet. It smells exactly like the gas mask my dentist in Edinburgh put over my face when he took out my wisdom teeth.

University admissions tutors know that to preserve the present levels of some degree courses the advanced nature of A-levels is a great help; with unchanged university courses it is certainly easier to deal with students with three good A-levels than with those with five good Scottish highers.

These views, respectable though they are, remain too narrow. For once – and it happens about as often as Halley's Comet – educationists actually agreed on something in making their comments to Professor Higginson: that breadth and five A-levels were the answer.

Vice-chancellors, industrialists, *heads and many interesting folk* said the same thing. Flexibility was required; options were to be kept open; more than the planned 18.5 per cent should be going on to higher education; maths and physics at A-level should be accessible to people with heads of a normal size – *otherwise they soon won't* be accessible to anyone because there will be nobody left to teach them; and perhaps, just perhaps (you have to be careful when you are talking about Scotland to the Conservative Party) Scotland, with its system of highers, had done something sensible for a hundred years.

So why is this particular dog *returning to his vomit? I am sorry* to use that one, but my supervisor at university always said that it was his favourite phrase from the Bible because he spent so much time marking and then going over examination papers equally lacking in what was required for life.

Simply because it matters too much to pass by on the other side. I do not believe that government ministers really believe that AS levels are going to catch on. Yes, very bright people in some schools will benefit from them – and that is surely a good thing, but it is essential to make life in the sixth form – in independent and maintained schools – both bearable and fun for the average person; you do that either by going for specialization and offering such people two or three A-levels and teaching them well, or by going for genuine breadth across five *trimmed subjects of equal* standing.

Universities will of course pay lip service to AS levels because the Government, through the Universities Funding Council, will make them do so. But instead of the whole country instinctively saying "Good God, more hard work – but great", AS levels will putter and stutter, and the Government will have made an ass of itself – which it very rarely does – with something incomplete.

What we need is a system that keeps most courses open at university to most people; an acceptance by universities that a degree at the end of three years represents only what can reasonably be taught in that time from the starting point of five leaner A-levels; more specialization at postgraduate level in disciplines that demand further specialization; *common* cores and far fewer syllabuses; some detailed syllabuses from somewhere for these five leaner A-levels; a genuine follow-on in technique and assessment from GCSE; clearer links with non-A-level courses, and a decision by the Government to stop pretending about AS levels or to send their Ministers of State to Rada.

Who knows, in five years' time Scottish highers may have extended to two years. If by then Higginson has been dusted off and accepted there should be fivesome reels all over this fine country.

We usually get there in the end, but my word it takes time, as Falstaff, without either a horse or Higginson, discovered.

Perhaps Prince Hal/King Harry were *right not to know* that old man, but I suspect there are pupils all over Britain who feel that Professor Higginson was indeed speaking for "us youth". Beware instinct.

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TELEVISION

Navel-gazers

Whither television? For the moment, it seems dead set on innumerable programmes about "Whither television?". *David Dimbleby's TV Guide to the Galaxy* (BBC2) perhaps confused those so left behind by the technological revolution that they are more choosy about the placing of words than of satellite dishes. Since it was not another *The Sky at Night*, but another look at where Sky (and other satellite stations) will be at night and day, they might have preferred the "TV" moved to make it *David Dimbleby's Guide to the TV Galaxy*.

That it was David Dimbleby's guide meant, of course, that, the title apart, things were explained clearly with deceptively easy professionalism – the smiling, welcoming condescension of the kind elder brother, rather than the more formal paternalism of his father.

Choice, inevitably, was the buzz word – even if no one seems quite sure what we will be choosing between. The most interesting and revolutionary choice on offer was that of the American company which beams four versions of the same programme so that you can choose, or in quizzes be given, different television "realities".

This technique could even be extended, once the editor has been locked away, to serious programmes such as the *South Bank Show*'s intriguing profile of Raymond Chandler (ITV). Some people like their writers alive or dead – but not resurrected by actors. They would have switched from Robert Stephenson reminding us that our passively macho Marlowe wore gloves indoors. Instead, they could have had more of the cool, urbane George V. Higgins and the entertaining ranting of James Ellroy ("I'm . . . the demon dog of American literature, the white knight of the far right").

Of course, with television versions we could then choose between different Marlowes (ladykiller, killer, or just one of the boys) and plots. And why stop at fiction? Surely technology will soon give us the option of watching Best, Law and Charlton miraculously play new games for Manchester United, instead of the mere mortals shown on *The Match* (ITV).

Or, if this new world is too brave for us we could, as in a recent *Equinox* programme, turn a video camera on to its monitor, strike a match, and sit down to watch an infinity of self-generating patterns of chaos.

Andrew Hislop

John Percival meets two young French dancers, poised to make their débuts with the Royal Ballet

Acting without words

ROS DRINKWATER



Temporarily apart: Laurent Hilaire rehearsing with Isabelle Guérin for Covent Garden

When Laurent Hilaire makes his Royal Ballet début on Thursday, dancing Florimund in *Sleeping Beauty*, he can be sure of at least one implacable critic in the audience. That is his wife Corinne, who used also to be, like him, a member of the ballet of the Paris Opéra.

When they married, she decided that two dancing careers in the same household was one too many, and gave up her own. Although she already had some small roles, she knew that she was not going to be his match, on stage anyway. Since then, her expertise has been devoted to watching almost every performance he gives, and telling him afterwards how he could improve it.

"Three or four times I have been astonished," she says. "On those nights I haven't seen my husband on stage, only the character he is playing."

With a dancer less secure and less ambitious than Hilaire, such a relationship might be disastrous to marital harmony, but they appear to share a common purpose, like an Olympic champion and his coach. It would be false modesty for them not to recognize that Hilaire is a young man rapidly approaching the top of his profession, and determined to reach the highest peaks in a necessarily short and competitive career.

Hilaire says that competition has in fact helped him along. One year behind him at the ballet school was a slightly younger boy of similarly ideal build (lean, strong and eager like a greyhound) with similarly exceptional promise. Manuel Legris joined the company a year behind Hilaire, and at first leap-frogged him in the promotion stakes.

But in the allocation of roles they ran neck and neck. Both danced their first Romeo, for instance, in the same week; and when Nureyev put on a suite of dances from *Napoli*, he shared the male solos between them in a spectacular display of friendly rivalry: one each and the third one revised so that they danced it simultaneously.

"We paced each other," Hilaire says, meaning their careers rather than that one work. He was the first to be given star billing, at 22; Legris followed a year later at the same age.

Hilaire's looks, technique and style quickly brought him roles in the classics, and as a young coryphée. He won rave notices for a *pas de deux* in *La Sylphide* when the Paris Ballet came to Covent Garden in 1982. But the breadth of the repertoire at the opera since Nureyev became ballet director the next year has ensured that he never got typecast in just one kind of role.

He has danced in ballets by Balanchine, Cunningham, Nureyev, Robbins, and Tudor, also the young French modernist, Dominique Bagouet. The idea of just doing display numbers does not appeal to him. "We act with our bodies," he says, and was especially happy that in this year's revival of *Raymonda* he was cast not only as the crusader hero Jean de Brienne, but in other performances as his deadly rival, the Saracen Abderame, a part he played with icy authority.

He has danced *The Sleeping Beauty* only a handful of times, in Nureyev's production for Vienna, but he did work extensively with Nureyev on the final *pas de deux*, with which he and Isabelle Guérin won the silver medal in the first Paris international dance competition in 1984.

Guérin was to have appeared with Hilaire in both his Covent Garden performances, but has had to change her plans because she is needed in Paris to dance with Nureyev in *Notre Dame de Paris* this week. So her début is postponed until Hilaire's second performance on December 5, and for the first he will be accompanied by another of the young Paris dancers, Elisabeth Maurin.

Maurin is an amazing virtuoso: her fouettées won admiring notices while she was still a student and her first big roles at 17 were Cupid's coloratura solo in *Don Quixote* and the Bluebird duet in *Sleeping Beauty*. But Nureyev likened her to a young Ulanova, and it is in dramatic roles that she has made her name: as Giselle and Juliet, as Miranda in Nureyev's *Tempest*, and other parts, ranging from a deliciously vivacious Lise in *La Fille mal gardée*, to the pale, chaste but passionate representation of the Virgin Mary in Neumeier's *Magnificat*.

In any British company, Maurin would have star billing, but in Paris the title of Etoile has so far eluded her, because there are so many other exceptional dancers there competing for the few vacancies. Guérin, too, had to watch others rising through the ranks more quickly than she, but was officially designated Etoile three years ago at 24.

Unusually, as a child she had no wish to be a ballerina, and went to dancing classes only because her sister did too. She enjoyed just being one of a crowd. "but my teacher put me in for competitions, and I kept winning," which rather changed her view of things.

"By the time I became interested, I was too old to be accepted at the Opéra school: I went to the Conservatoire instead. At 16 I won first prize there, so the Opéra took me for my final year and I went into the company."

Kenneth MacMillan gave her a solo almost at once, in *The Four Seasons*. Then her first big role was in *Sleeping Beauty*: not one of the ballerina roles (Covent Garden will see her first Aurora) but as the wicked fairy Carabosse, which in Rosella Hightower's old production was generally played by a man.

Was that a disconcerting assignment for a pretty girl? "No, I was very happy, because it is a role with a lot of drama, which I love. If I have to dance a ballet without emotions, I put on my tutu and do the steps as brilliantly as I can." She mimes a hand-on-hip glamour as she says this.

"But I prefer drama and comedy. On *Cinderella* I was very happy to dance the ugly sister, even though I sometimes took the title part. My favourite classical role is Kitri in *Don Quixote*, because it has humour. I hate it if the audience has to read the programme to understand what my feelings are supposed to be. I love theatre. It seems to me that I am an actress, although without using my voice."

CONCERT

Bold gesture repays bravery

BBC PO/Walter
Free Trade Hall, Manchester

There are relatively few music lovers in this country for whom the name of Franz Schmidt has much resonance. Like Pfitzner and Reger, he is easily dismissed as a post-Brucknerian windbag. So bringing Schmidt's Fourth Symphony to Manchester may have taken some courage for Alfred Walter, another musician whose considerable career abroad has not yet made its appropriate impact here.

But Walter proved a superb advocate for Schmidt's luminous and opulent music. The uninterrupted 50-minute flow of the symphony is orchestrated in a way that leaves no room for back-desk players and thereby offered an opportunity for the BBC Philharmonic to display its current strength in virtually all departments.

There was particularly distinguished playing from Patrick Addinall, in the taxing trumpet solos that opened and closed the symphony, and from David Fletcher, in the cello melodies of the enormously affecting slow movement. Walter also coaxed the orchestra into a wonderful control of the alternating stern fugato and richly evanescent textures of the scherzo section. He showed, in fact, that Schmidt's Fourth Symphony should have a firm place in the orchestral repertory.

He is, in any case, a conductor with that marvellous gift of being able to give an orchestra a new and different colour. This was clear in Schubert's *Overture in the Italian Style*, where the bright textures he produced were allied to an almost casual approach to ensemble, a loose and rhapsodic freedom of line that was plainly very much to the orchestra's taste.

And in that respect he was an ideal partner for the bright and ebullient playing of Walter Klien in Mozart's F major Piano Concerto of 1784: they justified the continued performance of Mozart on modern instruments, by focusing on the range of textures they could achieve.

David Fallows

Welcome invention

THEATRE

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The fifth major production of *The Tempest* to appear in 1988, this Cheek by Jowl version is much the most inventive, and the first to take a resolutely hostile attitude towards Prospero.

Like the Japanese *Tempest* which the Ninagawa troupe brought to Edinburgh, its starting point is to identify the manipulative old magician as a theatrical director: with the difference that, where the Japanese Prospero was seeking salvation through art, his English counterpart is simply gratifying his appetite for power. Beginning on a rehearsal floor, with an illuminated dressing-room mirror representing his cell, Timothy Walker's Prospero bullies his mulish company into improvising a storm (barking the Shipmaster's commands at his theatrical crew), and then launching them into the play with the help of a rack of costumes. He himself undergoes successive transformations into a black-robed mage and a Hoffmanesque Dr Mirabile: but always with the sense that his power exiles him from membership of the group.

As those mutations indicate, the opening metaphor is fully adaptable to the play's development: and the same goes for the rest of Declan Donnellan's production, which overflows with startling fresh ideas without getting trapped inside them. In his hands, the play comes over as an intricate set of variations on the techniques of human domination. But much of the pleasure lies in the company's inexhaustibly resourceful solution to practical staging problems: their use of piano and autoharp to evoke the island's magic; the sight of Peter Darling's Ariel playing Ferdinand's legs, and the enchantment of the evening-dressed courtiers into a pack of vengeful spirits; pantomime reenactment of past events to animate retrospective narrative (always Shakespeare's weakest point.)

One plausible novelty is the identification of Caliban as Prospero's bastard son: an idea planted from the first sight of Duncan Duff messily serving tea to his testy parent and incestuously fascinated half-sister. Another brilliantly unites him with Stephano and Trinculo as a music-hall trio, who hatch out their murderous coup behind the scenes and then emerge grinning through velvet curtains, to sing a rollicking number in *diamanté* bowler hats. It is Shakespeare's song to freedom, covering the fact that they are already planning the next tyranny.

Irving Wardle

JAZZ

Modern melody master

Jimmy Giuffre Quartet
Half Moon Theatre

When old masters take up the electronic paraphernalia of fusion music, the spectacle is usually less than edifying. Somehow it is like seeing a favourite uncle sporting a badly fitting toupee.

Jimmy Giuffre – one of the key players of the West Coast school of the 1950s and possessor of one of the most delicate clarinet tones in jazz history – might seem an unlikely convert to the new technology. But, at 67, he has made the transition without too much compromise. Poised and alert, his group plays with all the grace of a souped-up Modern Jazz Quartet.

The secret, as he has pointed out in interviews, is that he is not playing fusion music at all. Though he now draws on synthesizers, he ensures that his keyboard player Peter Levin creates true melodic textures instead of a crude wall of sound.

And, while drummer Randy Kaye may look like a refugee from Spyro Gyra, he stays solidly within the jazz tradition, implying the beat rather than forcing it home. Bob Nieske's electric bass, meanwhile, is flexible and cliché-free.

With his white hair swept back from his forehead, Giuffre cuts a frail, professorial figure. But his horn playing remains firm and concise, particularly on tenor saxophone. His clarinet work, exploiting the dark chalumeau register, is as haunting as ever. With the band playing at low volume, every inflection is clearly heard.

Giuffre's taste for pastoral tone-poems has also survived from the Fifties; the hovering synthesizer on "Spirits" and "Frogs' Legs" simply adds another dimension.

Clive Davis

Changes buy degrees

RADIO

I take a restrained view of the contention that higher education is the sort of sanctuary to be protected in its every nook from the need to justify survival in the marketplace. Not so restrained, however, that the first part of **The New Professionals** (Radio 4, Sundays, repeating Tuesdays; producer Joy Hatwood) did not occasionally make me blench. Presented by David Walker, this paper's Public Affairs Correspondent, the series looks at three areas in which current government policies are changing long established practices and attitudes: housing and the civil service are to come, but first was higher education.

"Enterprising Professors" told of the devices to which universities must now resort in order to make up for a more niggardly level of official funding. Foreign full-fee-paying students are a great attraction – and I was astonished to learn that Oxford Polytechnic, for example, has enough to offer senior cookery students to persuade them to migrate from Switzerland. A British university degree still carries a good deal of clout and this makes up for any lack of marketing skills.

Whether it will continue to do so must depend to some extent on the success of other fund-raisers, professional these days as well as professorial, whose job it is to find money for research. Here the targets are business and industry and here the donor, unless exceptionally disinterested, will be looking for a return – at least in the shape of a prestigious research outcome with his name on it. Or he will be after a specific answer to one of his own specific technical problems.

What hope there is for arts funding in this climate is a good question, but science seems likely to face quite enough difficulties of its own. For example, you cannot help feeling that if Crick and Watson had had to make a good case to a commercial sponsor, we might still be waiting for the discovery of DNA – and not least because so much of their time and energy would have gone into persuading him.

Second Thoughts (Radio 4, Tuesdays, repeating Thursdays; producer Peter Atkin) is the show with which Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie won the *Radio Times* "Sounds Funny" competition. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about this eight-part comedy is that it lives up to its competitive triumph. After a slightly sober start, it really does sound funny.

David Wade

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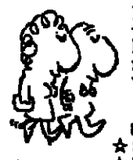


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BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
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(D) Access for disabled

THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ASYLUM:** In Paul Kember's new play *Sarah Miles is one of the inmates* confronting bulldozers, a video documentary crew and the bewildering *world outside.*
Lyric Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Previews from Nov 3, 7.45-10.15pm. Press night: Nov 9, 7-9.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed 2.30-5pm and Sat 4-6.30pm. Previews and mats £6, from Nov 8 eves £5-£10. (D)

☆ **BUDGIE:** Adam Faith with Anita Dobson in thinnish Soho musical.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham St, WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm, £8-£20 except Wed mats £4-£10. (D)

☆ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL:** Jon Strickland as Scrooge in David Holman's adaptation for children and for *grown-ups.*
The Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Previews from *Nov 24, 2pm. Press night Dec 5, 7pm.* Then Mon-Sat two performances daily at 10.30am and/or 2pm and/or 7pm, *adults £7.50,* children and concessions £3.75. (D)

☆ **THE CHURCHILL PLAY:** Colin Welland as Churchill in revival of Brenton's vision of internment-camp England: its famous line — "Don't let the future be like this!"
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, Silk St, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican. Mon-Sat 2-4.30pm and 7.30-10pm, £5-£10. Until Dec 1, then in repertory. (D)

☆ **HENCEFORWARD:** Ian McKellen and Jane Asher in excellent Ayckbourn set in a future London serviced by willing robots.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 6.30-10.50pm, *mats* Wed 2.30-4.50pm and Sat 5-7.20pm, £7.50-£15.

☆ **LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET:** Performance art production of the melodrama by Mrs Braddon, who drew on her own amazing life for the adventures of her bigamous, murderous heroine.
ICA Theatre, The Mall, SW1 (01-930 3647). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £5.50. Until Dec 17. (D)

☆ **A QUESTION OF GEOGRAPHY:** *Transfer from Stratford of John* Berger's Russian prison-camp drama.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Previews from Nov 23, 7.30-10pm, press night tomorrow 7-9.30pm, then in repertory, eves £8, mats £6.50. (D)

☆ **RICHARD II:** Derek Jacobi heads a strong company, with Robert Eddison, Barbara Jefford and David Rintoul in leading roles.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Previews from Nov 23, 7.30pm, press night tonight 7pm, then *Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur and Sat* 2pm, £8-£14.50. (D)

☆ **SINGLE SPIES:** Alan Bennett double-bill: Simon Callow plays Burgess in An Englishman Abroad; Bennett plays Blunt in A Question of Attribution.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Previews from Nov 24, 7.45pm, mat Dec 3, 2.15pm, press night Dec 1, 7pm, then in repertory, previews and *mat* Sat £5.50-£12, from Dec 1, £6.50-£14. (D)

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

FILMS

■ *Also on national release*
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BIRD (15): Clint Eastwood's impressively mounted biography of Charlie Parker with Forest Whitaker as the legendary jazz saxophonist (161 min).
Lumière (01-836 0691).
Progs 1.25, 4.35, 7.55.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636).
Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366).
Progs 3.30, 7.45.

COLORS (18): Vivid crime drama from director Dennis Hopper; with Sean Penn and Robert Duvall as Los Angeles cops of clashing temperaments assigned to the CRASH unit (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096).
Progs 2.30, 5.40, 9.25.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705).
Progs 3.20, 5.50, 8.20.
Odeon West End (01-930 6111).
Progs 12.20, 3.00, 5.00, 8.30.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). *Progs 12.50, 3.20, 5.50, 8.30.*
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905/586 3057). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.10.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty *hunter given the job of taking a sensitive* ball-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin *Brest (126 min).*
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636).
Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200).
Progs 1.30, 4.05, 6.45, 9.20.

PATHFINDER (15): *Visually spectacular* Norwegian drama based on the legendary exploits of a young nomad *who lures marauding warriors to their* death. Directed by Nils Gaup (88 min).
Premiere (01-439 4470).
Progs 2.10, *4.10, 6.15, 8.20, 10.15.*

SWITCHING CHANNELS (PG): New slapstick version of Hecht and MacArthur's masterly play *The Front Page,* with Burt Reynolds as the TV news editor determined to hold on to his star reporter and ex-wife (Kathleen Turner). Directed by Ted Kotcheff; with Christopher Reeve (105 min)
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111).
Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45.

U2 — RATTLE AND HUM (15): The *movie debut of the widely popular rock* band U2, filmed in action during its American concert tour. Directed by Phil *Joanou (98 min).*
Empire (01-200 0200).
Progs 2.30, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30.

WALKS

POLITICAL — GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: meet Westminster tube, 11.30am, £3 (01-937 4281).

CHAUCER AND BECKETT: MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3 (01-504 9159).

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending November 20:

	BBC 1	BBC 2
1	EastEnders (Thur/Sun) 20.45m	Christabel (Wed/Sat) 7.40m
2	EastEnders (Tue/Sun) 19.20m	Relatives 5.85m
3	Neighbours (Mon 13:30/17:36) 17.65m	Food and Drink (Tue/Fri) 5.60m
4	Neighbours (Thur 13:31/17:36) 17.55m	Forty Minutes (Thur/Sun) 5.15m
5	Neighbours (Tue 13:29/17:36) 17.45m	Living Free 5.05m
6	Neighbours (Fri 13:29/17:37) 17.15m	M.A.S.H. 4.30m
7	Bread 16.70m	Reaching for the Skies 3.85
8	Neighbours (Wed 13:32/17:36) 16.25m	Top Gear 3.75m
9	Children of Courage 13.75m	International Football 3.35m
10	All Creatures Great and Small 13.29m	Mission Impossible 3.35m
	ITV	**Channel 4**
1	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 16.90m	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 7.70m
2	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.55m	Brookside (Wed/Sat) 7.10m
3	Blind Date LWT 14.90m	Hill Street Blues 4.15m
4	Tales of the Unexpected Anglia 13.50m	Lost in Space 3.95m
5	This is Your Life Thames 13.40m	Fifteen-to-One (Thur) 3.85m
6	Beadle's About LWT 13.35m	Fifteen-to-One (Mon) 3.85m
6	*Bullseye Central 13.35m*	*Fifteen-to-One (Fri) 3.85m*
8	The Bill Thames 13.20m	Jesse James 3.60m
9	Soca Central 12.70m	Fifteen-to-One (Tue) 3.55m
10	The Krypton Factor Granada 12.55m	The Golden Girls 3.35m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time: Mon to Fri 1.3m (7.3m)* TV-am: *Good Morning Britain Mon to Fri 2.6m* (12.1m)

Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

Doubled inspiration



Stan Tracey's big band opens a season at Ronnie Scott's Club tonight, which means welcome exposure not only for one of Britain's finest jazz composers but also for a clutch of superb individual soloists.

Economic considerations mean that the band is only rarely assembled, but its members' long familiarity with Tracey's idiosyncratic music (most of them also play in his various quartets, sextets and octets) lifts their *performance well above the kind of* mechanical competence that usually represents the upper limit of such occasional ensembles. The sharp angles that reflect the influence of his first mentor, Thelonious Monk, are smoothed down in this context, but Tracey ensures that his ensemble swings with a warmth and spontaneity that would delight his other chief inspiration, Duke Ellington.

This is particularly true when applied to the *Genesis* suite, which he will perform this week — although, by contrast with the overt piety of Ellington's sacred works, Tracey's piece reflects an agnostic's interpretation of the Creation story.

Richard Williams

GALLERIES

KENNETH DRAPER: Landscape pastels by an artist better known for abstract sculpture.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-921 0612). Daily 6am-10pm, free. Until January 15.

PAINTERS IN THE THEATRE: 20th *century works, including designs by* Edward Burra and Pavel Tchelitchew.
Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 *(01-493 2488), Mon-Fri 9.30am-*5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free. Until December 22.

DANCE

LONDON CITY BALLET: Three new productions: Swan Lake, produced by Patrice Bart from the Paris Opera Ballet; dramatic work set to Schoenberg's Transfigured Night; and The Garden of Eros.
Churchill Theatre, Bromley (01-460 6677). Tonight and tomorrow The Garden of Eros/Transfigured Night/Nutcracker Suite 7.45pm, Wed-Sat Swan Lake 7.45pm, mats Thur and Sat 2.30pm.

SWAN LAKE: Natalia Makarova's production for London Festival Ballet.
Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595), 7.30-10pm, £6-£18.

SWANSONG: Soloists from London Festival Ballet give Bruce's dramatic work with Balanchine's *Apollo* and showpiece dances by Petipa and Bournonville.
Towngate Theatre, Basildon (0268 532632), 7.30-10pm, £5-£9.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **CONCERT'S CONCERT:** The *English* Concert plays trio sonatas by J. S. Bach and Handel, a flute sonata by C. P. E. Bach.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-3pm, £3.

☆ ***DOLCE DEAM:*** *Donna Deam,* soprano, with the Musica Dolce ensemble is heard in Telemann's tuneful *Hommet den Eifer* Cantata, A. Scarlatti's *Ardo e ver per ce d'amore,* and in between come sonatas by Vivaldi, Pepusch and *D.* Scarlatti.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **MIXED BAG:** Various artists including Say-Ming Foo and Greg Zuniega gather in the name of Franck's Violin Sonata, Duparc's *L'Invitation au Voyage, Chanson Triste, Le Manoir de Rosamonde,* Benvenuti's *Morceau* and Claire Polin's Sonata for Flute and Harp.
Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Rd, London SW7 (01-589 3643), 5.30pm, free.

☆ **MELISANDE MUSIC:** Now in its eighth season, the Melisande Trio undertakes Debussy's Sonata, Bax's Elegiac Trio, five movements by Rameau on flute, viola and harp. Duos by *Devienne and Britten are also* included.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3.50-£5.50.

☆ **DOWER'S DAY:** James Dower plays Frederick the Great's Flute Concerto No 3, Locatelli's Concerto a Quatro and concertos by Quantz and Vivaldi. The London Mozart Players accompany.
St John's, 7.30pm, £3.50-£7.50.

☆ **FROM MOSCOW:** The Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra contributes to the "Great Orchestras of the World" series with Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* Suite, Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 3 (Nikolai Demidenko, soloist) and the Mussorgsky-Ravel *Pictures at an Exhibition.* Vladimir Fedoseyev conducts.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5-£15. (D)

☆ **STOCKHAUSEN'S 60TH:** Rounding off the "Stockhausen at 60" celebrations, diverse artists let us hear *his Ave, Xi, Tierkreis* and the UK premiere of the trombone version of his *In Freundschaft.*
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £5-£10. (D)

ROCK

☆ **THE JEFF HEALEY BAND:** British debut of the sensational blind 22-year-old Canadian blues guitarist.
Borderline, Orange Yard, off Manette Street, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-497 2261), 8.30pm and 11.30pm, £5.

☆ **STEVE EARLE:** Former New Country star now turning into an increasingly aggressive rocker with his album Copperhead Road.
International 2, 210 Plymouth Grove, *Manchester (061 224 5050),* 8pm, £6.

☆ ***HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS:*** Cheerful pop R 'n' B from the West Coast Power Of Love veterans.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234, disabled info 01-902 8833), 7.30pm, £10-£12.50, also tomorrow. (D)

☆ **BOMB THE BASS:** Sampla 'n' scratch DJ Tim Simenon's Beat Dis crew, including percussionists, vocalists and special guests.
Hawth Theatre, Hawth Avenue, Crawley, Sussex (0293 553636), *7.45pm,* £4.50-£5.

JAZZ

STAN TRACEY: *See feature.*
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

MORRISEY-MULLEN: The sax-guitar fusioneers — back together again — celebrate the release of their album Happy Hour.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 8.30pm, £5.

JAN GARBAREK: With percussionist Nana Vasconcelos to the fore, the ECM saxophonist presents Nordic folk songs in a New Age ambience.
St George's Hall, Market Street, Exeter (info 0392 219741), 8pm, £7.

OPERA

☆ ***THE FAIRY QUEEN:*** *See below.*
Middle Temple, London EC4 (01-638 8891), tonight, tomorrow and *Wednesday 7-9.30pm, £7 (returns only).*



Purcell's *The Fairy Queen,* a succession of masques which form an opera very loosely based on *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* is seldom staged, despite the fact that it contains some of the composer's (above) finest music. The Guildhall School of Music and Drama has pulled off quite a *coup in its co-production with* The Royal Conservatory of The Hague. William Christie conducts a fully-staged performance which celebrates the tercentenary celebrations of the Accession of William and Mary.

OTHER EVENTS

ACKERMANN'S CHRISTMAS SHOW: Opening today an exhibition of colourful prints at the dealers who specialize in 18th and 19th century *sporting art.*
Arthur Ackermann & Son, 33 New Bond St, London W1 (01-493-3286), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. *Until* December 23.

HARLOW CAR GARDENS OPEN DAY: To celebrate the start of National Tree Week, the official planting of a disease-resistant elm, an exhibition about wood and its uses, "tree hugging" sessions for children and *two guided* walks with the curator of the winter gardens.
Northern Horticultural Society, Harlow Car Gardens, Crag Lane, Harrogate (0423 508237), 9am until dusk, free.

LITTLE CHELSEA ANTIQUES FAIR: Sixty-five British exhibitors selling antique items, most to pre-1860 dateline at affordable prices — from snuff boxes and treen to pottery and small furniture.
Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, Chelsea, today 4.30-8.30pm, tomorrow 10.30am-5pm, today £2, tomorrow £1.

THE FIFTH WILLIAM BLAKE CONGREGATION: A gathering for anyone interested in Blake's work or the English Visionary Tradition — with *readings* and other creative works.
National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, London WC2. Meet Gallery 13 in *front of the Deville life mask of Blake,* 1pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

CHRISTMAS AT LEEDS CASTLE: Booking for Kentish evenings, with sherry reception, guided tour of the castle, five-course meal, dancing and entertainment. Also New Year's Eve celebration and cabaret.
Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent (0622-65400).

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: London season includes London première of *Don Quixote,* with production and scenario by Christopher Gable, and traditional choreography by Petipa. Jan 31-Feb 11.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278-8916).
Phone/personal booking opens today.

LAST CHANCE

GASLIGHT: Final week of Victorian thriller by Patrick Hamilton, to celebrate *50th anniversary of the play.*
Swan Theatre, The Moors, Worcester (0905 27322).

A SEASON AT GLYNDEBOURNE: Exhibition by American photographer Ira *Nowinski who spent a season with the* company last year. Ends Sunday.
National Museum of Photography, *Princes View, Bradford (0274 727488).*

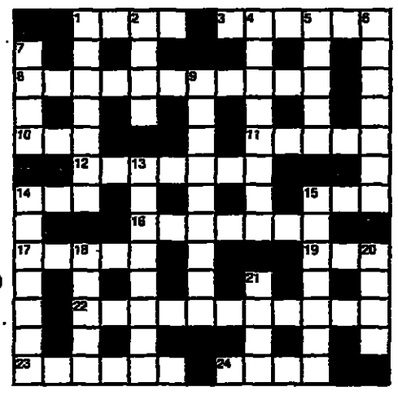
CROSSROADS VIENNA: Exhibition on *artistic and intellectual life of Vienna at* turn of century, with paintings, sculpture, set designs, costumes, *models, cartoons, photographs, letters,* scores, and huge frieze by Klimt painted for Vienna secession in 1902. Ends Sunday.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1.

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly *Premium Bond prize draw are: £100,000* 32CT 119983 (the winner lives in the London Borough of Waltham Forest); £50,000 11YN 949068 (Cheshire); £25,000 19PK 659395 (Buckinghamshire).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: *Judy Froshaug;* Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1731



ACROSS

1 Cannabis (4)
3 Whole (6)
8 Napoleon's 2nd wife (5,6)
10 Scrape weeds (3)
11 Go in (5)
12 Vivid red (7)
14 Deer "heat" (3)
15 Total (3)
16 Meal sweet (7)
17 Tree moulds (5)
19 1938 women's service (3)
22 Hard green apple (6,5)
23 Large wasp (6)
24 Streetcar (4)

DOWN

1 Crop (7)
2 Person's manner (4)
4 Hazelnut chocolate (8)
5 Turn away (5)
6 Fit of rage (7)
7 Chinese nurse (4)
9 Blockage (9)
13 Renounce throne (8)
14 Enliven (7)
15 Sports arena (7)
18 Niamey state (5)
20 Hare *hunter's* cry (4)
21 Russia (1,1,1,1)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

PIEPOWDER
(c) A dusty-footed man, hence a vagabond, or itinerant huxter or hastler, found in many 15th- and 16th-century Burgh laws, *from the Latin pede by foot + pulverosus* dusty: "Ane stranger merchand vaigand fra ane place to ane other, quha therefore is called *piedpuldreux, or dastitute."*

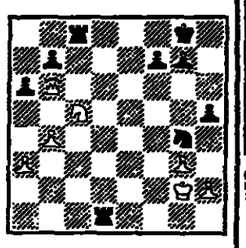
ULEMA
(c) The body of professional theologians and expounders of the law in a Muslim country, *or the member of such a body,* the plural of the Arabic *alim* learned: Tennyson: "But our ulema/Are like wild brutes new-caged."

BODLE
(a) Also boddle, a 17th-century Scots copper coin, worth about one-sixth of an English penny, the smallest coin, etymology unknown, used in the phrase "not to care a bodle".

MURVA
(c) Or moorva, bowstring hemp, from the Sanskrit *murva:* "The murva fibre is employed by the natives for their bowstrings."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Edward Lasker (White) and Capablanca (Black), played at Lake *Hopatcong* 1926. Black plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times.*

ENTERTAINMENTS

EVENTS

LONDON ORIGINAL PRINT FAIR, Royal Academy, Piccadilly, W1. 2-6 Dec. Daily 11-6pm (Mon 9pm) Adm. £4 incl. cat. 01-439 1231.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Blondes and Redheads in *The Undie-World* (b/w). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Bob Wellings and Natalie Anglesey receive viewers' comments on the weekend's television output
9.20 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on the problems and anguish of infertility
10.00 News and weather followed by **The Pink Panther Show.** Three cartoons (r). **10.25 Children's BBC** introduced by Andy Crane begins with **Playbus 10.50 The Bumtip 10.55 Five to Eleven.** A reading by Zia Mohyeddin
11.00 News and weather followed by *Open Air*, presented by Pattie Coldwell and Bob Wellings
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live** with Sue Cook and Simon Potter. Music is provided by Shakin' Stevens. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Scott and Charlene play a trick on their families when they arrive home from honeymoon. **1.50 Going for Gold.** European general knowledge quiz
2.15 Ironside. This week the Chief investigates the murder by a heroin injection of a member of an avant-garde theatre group (r).
3.00 Hudson and Halls. Peter and David prepare another selection of mouthwatering dishes. Their guest is Stephanie Lawrence
3.25 Bazaar. Fred Harris with more time-, effort- and money-saving ideas
3.50 Stoppit and Tidyup narrated by Terry Wogan **3.55 A Bear Behind** with Lindsay Coulson and Bill Wallis **4.05 Rupert.** The storyteller is Ray Brooks **4.10 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon (r) **4.15 Defenders of the Earth.** (Ceefax) **4.40 Simon and the Witch.** Episode five
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. Caron Keating reports on the Great *Blue Peter* Bring and Buy Sale for Kampuchea. (Ceefax) **5.25 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton
6.30 London Plus and weather
7.00 Wogan with **Sue Lawley.** The guests include the SDLP leader Paddy Ashdown and his wife Jane; and from the advertising world Keith Van Horen and the lovely lady of Cointreau fame, Jennifer Clulow. Music is provided by Breath
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs
8.00 Brush Strokes. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
8.30 Streets Apart. Comedy love story starring James Hazeldine and Amanda Redman. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama: Europe — My Way or Theirs? Fred Emery on the battle for the future of Europe after 1992. Includes Sir Geoffrey Howe, Michael Heseltine, Lord Cockfield, Jacques Delors and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing
10.10 A Very Peculiar Practice. Comedy series (r). (Ceefax)
11.05 For What We Are About to Receive. Mavis Nicholson presents the first of a week-long examination of what the satellite revolution will mean for television in this country
11.35 Electric Avenue. The fifth of Fred Harris's 10-programme series on information technology
12.00 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.40 Daytime on Two: new technology and traditional industries **10.05** For the very young **10.18** *Dick Whittington* musical **10.40** Thinkabout **10.58** A Finnish winter festival **11.20** A Christmas concert **11.40** Maths investigations **12.00** French cuisine **12.15** Stalin's rise to power **12.35** Satellite television **1.00** Science: vibrations
1.25 The Adventures of Spot (r). **1.30 What's Inside?** (r). **1.40 Landmarks** (r).
2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (r). **2.15 Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax) **2.50 Town Portraits.** Washington, Tyne and Wear (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by **International Pro-Celebrity Golf.** Sandy Lyle and Lee Trevino are joined by Terry Wogan and Bill Beaumont (r). **3.50 News,** regional news and weather
4.00 Catchword. Word game presented by Paul Coia **4.30 Blizzard's Outdoor Toys.** A heavy truck **4.40 Behind the Screen** with Rob Curling
4.50 Film: Charlie Chan at the Olympics (1937, b/w) starring Warner Oland. The oriental sleuth investigates skulduggery at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. H. Bruce Humberstone directs
6.00 DEF II begins with **Behind the Beat.** Includes Luther Vandross **6.35 Scene Does: Young Vietnam.** Teenagers in Vietnam.
7.00 Perfect Strangers. Comedy
7.25 The Education Programme: Private Choice. A comparison between a private prep-school and a free state primary
8.00 Prisoners of Conscience. The first of a new series
8.05 Reaching for the Skies. The story of flying. (Ceefax)
9.00 Film: The Boy Who Had Everything (1985) starring Diane Cilento and Jason Connery. Drama about a young man coming to terms with college life. Directed by Stephen Wallace
10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather.
11.20 Prisoners of Conscience (r).
11.25 Cameron Country. James Cameron recalls Israel and Egypt's Six-Day War (r). Ends at **12.15am**

ITV/LONDON

9.00 TV-am begins with News and **The Morning Programme** introduced by Lorraine Kelly and Richard Keys; **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Kathryn Holloway; **8.00 News; 9.00 News** and **After Nine** with Jayne Irving
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game. The questionmaster is Lenny Bennett. **9.55 Thames news** and weather **10.00 The Time. . .The Place. . .** Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes an item on working mothers; and advice on keeping a small garden
12.10 Playbox with Pat Coombs and Keith Chegwin **12.30 A Country Practice.** Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheep township
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20 Thames news** and weather
1.30 Film: The Kid From Brooklyn (1946) starring Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo. Comedy about a mild-mannered milkman who believes he is made of the stuff of champions after he is credited with knocking-out a leading boxer in a street brawl. Directed by Norman Z. McLeod **3.25 Thames news** and weather **3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital
4.00 Jim Henson Presents: Mother Goose Stories 4.10 The Rattles 4.20 The Real Ghostbusters. Cartoon adventure **4.45 Knightmare.** Computer adventure series
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00 Thames news** and weather
6.30 Reporting London investigates Asian gang warfare in Southall, plus, a tribute to Jennie Lee
7.00 The Krypton Factor. This week's brain and brawn tests features competitors from Crawley, Liverpool, Hertford and Wakefield.
7.30 Coronation Street. Mike's investigations lead him up several blind alleys. (Oracle)
8.00 Never the Twain. The last in the series of comedies starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies as rival antiques dealers
8.30 World in Action: How Green is My Valley. A documentary examining the Government's commitment to the green revolution
9.00 Game, Set & Match. Episode 10 of the 13-part adaptation of Len Deighton's spy trilogy and Samson is thought to have planned the death of Biedermann in a French police cell; and is now in Mexico trying to "turn" the KGB operative, Stinnes. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes **10.30 Thames news** and weather
10.35 Film: Linda (1973) starring Stella Stevens. Murder drama about a wife framing her husband in order to make off with the victim's husband. Directed by Jack Smight
12.00 I Spy. Vintage American espionage series starring Robert Culp and Bill Cosby
1.00 Sportsworld Extra includes a round-up of the weekend's European football news
2.00 News followed by **Film: The Next Man** (1976) starring Sean Connery and Cornelia Sharpe. Thriller about a professional assassin contracted to kill an Arab statesman in New York. Directed by Richard C. Sarafian.
4.00 News followed by **60 Minutes.** Interviews and investigations from the United States
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools 12.00 Sesame Street
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Make it Count. An Open College series on arithmetic (r). (Oracle) **1.30 Write On.** Improving writing skills (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Film: The Reward (1965) starring Efrem Zimbalist Jr. Contemporary western about a disparate group of men hunting a fugitive in the Mexican desert for a $50,000 reward. Directed by Serge Bourguignon
3.45 Years Ahead includes interviews with Robert Morley and Adelaide Hall
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz game
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show
6.00 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy
6.30 Landshapes. Part six of Tim Preece's series on the story of our landscape. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather**
8.00 Brookside. At the Corkhills Julia and Kathy plot to outwit Linda. (Oracle)
8.30 This is David Lander. Spoofing investigative TV journalism. Stephen Fry examines the case of a defective missile.
9.00 Cities Fit To Live In. This final programme of the series features the Finnish city of Turku
10.00 Hill Street Blues. Hill is upset when he is temporarily assigned to a white officer who once refused to help a black colleague
10.55 Film: Self Portrait (1987). Images documenting the emigration of the director, Guily Koster, from Surinam to the Netherlands
11.00 Film: One People (1976). Drama about a young educated man who returns to his native Surinam and falls in love with a Hindu girl. Directed by Pim de la Parra
1.05am Tears, Laughter, Fears and Rage. This first of a four-part series examines why people cry (r).
1.35 Photographic Exhibits. The story about an investigation into the death in Clapham in 1922 of a pregnant woman (r). Ends at **2.00.**

Will he or won't he?

TELEVISION CHOICE



Wacko Jacko: Karl Howman as Jacko, the comical decorator, facing his wedding, tonight in *Brush Strokes* (BBC1, 8.00pm)

● Jacko, the decorator hero of the John Esmonde-Bob Larbey sitcom, **Brush Strokes** (BBC1, 8.00pm), has been a misunderstood character. He may be billed as a Casanova, but the central joke of the show is surely the opposite. He either loses the girl or, if he gets her, he is so embarrassed that he runs a mile. Esmonde and Larbey have kept three series going on the premise that Jacko will, despite, or because of, his best efforts, never get hitched. It is the well-tried sitcom device of threatening the disturb an equilibrium but not quite doing so. We know that in the last resort Harold Steptoe will not break free of his dreadful father, or the Nazis land in Warmington-on-Sea and overrun the gallant lads of *Dad's Army*. We know it because if those things happened, the shows would have to come to a sudden end. But at the end of the last series of *Brush Strokes*, Esmonde and Larbey seemed to have thrown in the towel. Here was Jacko at last standing at the altar, with romantic little Sandra walking up the aisle to be his bride. The fourth series opens at precisely this point and it would be wrong to reveal what happens, though followers of the show may have a pretty shrewd guess. Suffice to say that the basic joke looks like being made to last for a little longer. *Brush Strokes may not be the stuff of* Top Ten ratings but it is highly appreciated by its faithful audience. Karl Howman's pert and likeable Jacko is the pivot but there are other relishable performances, from Jackie Lye's Sandra to Gary Waldhorn's blustering Lionel and Howard Lew Lewis as the towering publican Elmo.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

VHF Stereo — all day in London (104.8), the Midlands (98.4), the North (98.8), South Wales, Avon and Somerset (98.7), Oxfordshire (98.2) and central Scotland (98.6)
& **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30**.
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **8.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** The Chart Quiz **8.0** The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF Stereo
& **MW** (medium wave)
News on the hour
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Bob Holness **1.05** David Jacobs **2.0** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Dance Band Days **7.30** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** The Best of Jazz on record **10.00** The Law Game **10.30** Double Bill **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours: News Summary followed by Financial News 7.30 The Queen's Parliament 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Through the Looking Glass 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News 9.45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.00 News Summary 10.01 With Good Reason 10.30 The Vintage Chart Show 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Ton Talk 11.30 Londres Mia 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 Back to Square One 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 The Queen's Parliament 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 Gospel Explorations 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 Wish Good Reason 3.45 Classical Record Review 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Through the Looking Glass 4.30 Tech Talk 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Longres Sor 6.30 Reuse Akuell 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.05 The World Today 8.25 Word of Farth 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Europe's World 9.30 Sports International 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 The Learning World 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Magazine 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Short Story 1.45 Europe's World 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Merchantmagazin 5.45 648 News Headlines 5.55 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Main

Radio 3

6.35-6.55 Open University
6.55 Weather, followed by news headlines
7.00 Morning Concert. Mozart (Impressario Overture — Columbia SO under Bruno Walter). Vaughan Williams (Romance. Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner with Tommy Reilly, harmonica); Liszt (Concerto in the Hungarian Style — Philadelphia Orchestra under Ormandy with Cypher Katsaris, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd). Handel (Arrival of the Queen of Sheba: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Milhaud (Scaramouche: Aitons and Aloys Kontarsky, pianos); Dittersdorf (Symphony No 2 in D: Camilena under Adnan Shepherd); Beethoven (Choral Fantasia. London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir under Bernard Haitink with Alfred Brendel, piano)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Balakirev and Cui. Balakirev (Piano Concerto 1 in F sharp minor, Op 1: Moscow RSO under Dmitriev with Igor Zhukov, piano); Cui (Preludes, Nos 9 in E, 10 in Gsharp minor, 2 in E minor and 8 in C sharp minor: Margaret Fingerhut, piano); Cui (Spring Sunshine: Stuttgart Radio Choir under Voorberg); Balakirev (Symphonic Poem — Tamara: USSR Stae SO under Svetlanov)
9.35 Dance, Devil and Devotion: Farkas (Ancient Hungarian Dances: Albion Ensemble); Dvorak (Slavonic Dances: Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir, piano duet); Debussy (Three Movements — Petite Suite: Albion Ensemble); Smetana (Polka in E flat); Novacek (Perpetuum mobile: Erich Gruenberg, violin and John McCabe, piano); Liszt (Mephisto Waltz: Eden and Tamir, pianos); Janacek (Violin Sonata and Romance No 4: Gruenberg, violin and McCabe, piano); Schubert (Wanderer Fantasy: Eden and Tamir, pianos); Poulenc (Four Penitential Motets: Cambridge Singers under Rutter with Mary Seers, soprano); Dvorak (Ballade in D minor, Op 15. Gruenberg and McCabe); Poulenc (Gloria: City of London Sinfonia and Cambridge Singers under Rutter with Donna Deam, soprano)
12.05 British Music: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Edward Downes play Walton's Viola Concerto (with Nobuko Imai) and Michael Ball's Dances Vitales
1.00 News
1.05 Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square, London with the English Concert. Handel (Trio Sonata in B flat, Op 2 No 3: C P E Bach (Flute Sonata in D), Handel (Trio Sonata in G, Op 5 No 4); Bach (Trio Sonata 'A Musical Offering')
2.00 Music Weekly (r)
2.45 Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas. Ives (The Unanswered Question, Central Park in the Dark), Tchaikovsky (Suite No 1 in D) (r)
3.45 C P E Bach: The first of two programmes. Nicholas Danby plays the organ sonatas written for Princess Amalie of Prussia on the 1797 Holzhay organ of Kloster Neresheim in South Germany
4.25 Beethoven, Dvorak and Faure: Susan Kessler, mezzo-soprano, Gordon Back, piano and the Alberni String Quartet perform Beethoven's Fois Songs; Dvorak's Minatures for two violins and violas and Faure's La Bonne Chanson
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Graham Fawcett
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Christopher Cook talks to Richard Williams, animator of the new film *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* starring Bob Hoskins
7.30 Wozzeck: Alban Berg's opera in three acts based on a drama by Georg Büchner with baritone Franz Grundheber as Wozzeck
9.10 The Idylls of Theocritus (new series): Four readings from the work of the Greek poet, in a new translation by Robert Wells. 1. The Bucolic Vein
9.45 Boulez Conducts Boulez: Figures-Doubles-Prisms; Cummings ist der dichter; Rituel (BBC Symphony Orchestra and Singers under Boulez, introduced by the composer talking to Paul Griffiths)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Hector Berlioz (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Gutmann und Gutweiss (Fischer Dieskau, baritone and Barenboim piano)
12.10 Closedown

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today **12.00-12.05am** News and weather SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Small Sect **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **8.30-8.00** City Lights NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **11.35-12.00** The Education Programme ENGLAND: **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: **7.25pm-8.00** Article 10

ANGLIA As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.20** Film: Campbell's Kingdom **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** Skyhawk **10.35** Anglia Reports **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Donahue **2.00am** The Fugitive **2.55** Pop Profile **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **6.30-5.00** Night Beat.

BORDER As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Bygones **1.20** News **1.30** Film: Thrill of a Romance **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take The High Road **10.35** Magnum **11.30** Cover Story **12.00** Film: Mommie Dearest **2.30** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.35pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30** Film: Alice **3.30-4.00** Who's The Boss? **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30-** Film: Groundstar Conspiracy **1.30am** Three's Company **1.45** Sportsweek **2.30** 60 Minutes **3.25** Worlds Beyond **3.55** ECO **4.20-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**1.30pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Sandwich Man **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Wildlife on the Edge **11.20** Film: Codename Wildgeese **1.10am** Tennis **2.10** I Spy **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

GRANADA As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30** Film: Thunder Bay **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Flying Start **10.35** Open House **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: Mommie Dearest **2.25am** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

HTV WEST As London except:**1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Whats Good For The Goose **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Bowls **11.05** 9 to 5 **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.30-1.00** Pick of the Week **4.00** The Great Little Trains of Wales **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

VARIATIONS

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.35-11.35** Welsh National Business Awards.

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Times **1.20** Scotland Today **1.30** Film: Payroll **3.30-4.00** Back to Square One **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Scottish Action **10.35** 9 to 5 **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: Marilyn: The Untold Story **2.35am** Out of Limits **2.30** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** The UK Top 10.

TSW As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Film: Planter's Wife **3.27-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Consumer File **10.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** Mary **12.00** Film: Mommie Dearest **2.30am** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.0** Night Beat.

TVS As London except:**1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Sandwich Man **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.35** Head to Head **11.20** Film: Codename Wildgeese

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Lifestyles (Roger Moore) **1.30-3.30** Film: The In-Laws **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **10.35** Goats, Boats and Yuppie Flats **11.05** Heart of the City **12.00** Film: Mommie Dearest **2.25am** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

ULSTER As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Sons and Daughters **1.20** Newsnine **1.30-3.00** Film: The Sundowners **6.00** Six Tonight — Australia Week **6.30-7.00** Ask Anne **10.35** Down Under — The Ulster Way **11.05** Falcon Crest **12.00** Film: Mommie Dearest **2.25** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30** Five Minutes **1.35** Film: They Who Dare **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Mr Perfect **10.35** Calendar Commentary **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00 Films Last Moments** 2.00am **Trans World Sport** 3.00 **Music Box** 4.00 **About Britain** 4.30-5.00 **Jobfinder.**

S4C Starts:**9.30am** Schools **12.10pm** Pobby Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Llunau Dydd Llun **1.00** Open College **2.00** Sesame Street **2.30** Ones Fit To Live In **3.30** Time to Talk **4.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Late Late Show **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Tripl Dwro **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Dwy Ran O Dar **7.45** Sgorio **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.25** This Is David Lander **9.55** Media Show **10.55** Eleventh Hour **11.00** Eleventh Hour One People **1.05am** Eleventh Hour Tears, Laughter, Fear and Rage **1.35** Photographic Exhibits **2.00** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:**2.30pm** Mediterranean Cookery **3.00** Live at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Brideshead Revisited **5.30** Country Practice **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Number One **7.30** Taste of Ireland **8.00** A Guilty Thing Surprised **9.00** News **9.30** Christabel **10.35** Harley's People **11.05** Down The Tube **11.35** News. Closedown

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Soccer **3.00** Smurfs **3.30** Bake Bang **3.40** The Fabulous Fleischer Four **3.50** Guenlin's Magic Show **3.05** Hero **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.50** Catweazle **5.25** Wonderstruck **6.00** Jo-Mani **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.05** Cursai **7.30** Coronation Streets **8.00** American Football **9.00** Spring Image **9.30** The Forum Presents **10.30** News **10.50** Film: Dear Detective **12.35am** Closedown.

RADIO CHOICE



Pamela Stephenson, now in a deeper role (R4, 8.15pm)

● **The Idylls of Theocritus** (Radio 3, 9.10pm) needs no recommendation if you heard Virgil's *The Georgics*, the work of the same team, a couple of years ago: same translator (Robert Wells), same composer (Michael Ball), same producer (Fraser Steel) and, I believe, same readers (John Franklyn-Robbins, Russell Dixon, David Michaels). The wonder of both Theocritus's pastorals and Virgil's nature poems, written respectively in the third and first centuries BC, is that such sophisticated minds could peer into the souls of goatherds and shepherds and discover such simple truths and beauty there. Tonight's first instalment of the idylls explores the bucolic vein. There are philosophical passages of pure gold, as well as silver streaks of rough country humour.

● **The Spectre of Ernie Pike** (Radio 4, 8.15pm), Jane Coles's play about the potency of memory, has a strong sense of time (the 1950s), place (an unlovely corner of Australia) and people (ill-matched couple, and the intruder who comes to stay). I never thought Pamela Stephenson (as the narrator) could act like this.

Peter Davalle

Radio 4

LW (long wave) **(s)** stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today; with a five-day weather forecast **6.25** Prayer For The Day(s)
6.30 Today; presented by Sue MacGregor and John Humphreys, incl **6.30, 7.0, 7.30, 8.0, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather
8.35 The Week On 4: a look at the week ahead with Catriona Young
8.42 Phil Smith: with recordings from the BBC Sound Archives **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start The Week: with Melvyn Bragg and his guests Glenda Jackson, Anthony Barnett, John Berger and A Sivanandan (s)
10.00 News; Money Box with Louise Botting (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Loopline by Barry Davis, read by Brian Cox
10.45 Daily Service: from St Andrew's University Chapel (s)
11.00 News; Travel: Down Your Way: Actress Sheila Hancock visits Cirencester (r)
11.50 Poetry Please! Presented by John Fuller. Listners requests are read by Martin Jarvis and June Barne
12.00 News; You and Yours: consumer programme with John Waite
12.25 Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin hosts the final of a general musical knowledge quiz in three parts (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One: presented by James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: presented by Jenni Murray with part three of the serial The Gypsy's Baby
3.00 News; The King's Commisar Play by Duncan Kyle (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Hitting the High Notes. John Fordham talks to jazz singers about their lifestyle and attempts to find out whether the myth about drink, drugs and musicians is true (r)
5.00 PM: presented by Valerie Singleton and Gordon Clough **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News, with Bryan Martin; Financial Report
6.30 The News Quiz Barry Took with Richard Ingrams, Ian Hislop, Alan Coren and Kate Adie(s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 Science Now: presented by Peter Evans (r)
8.15 The Spectre of Ernie Pike by Jane Coles, with Pamela Stephenson and Peter Dahlsen (see Choice) (s)
9.30 Lord's Day: In the first of four programmes, Margaret Howard meets lords and ladies who have had some surprising jobs. 1: the second Baron Tevlot, an old Etonian, now a genealogist, who spent five years as a bus driver, then marries his conductress (r)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of the Letters of T E Lawrence, edited by Malcolm Brown; Paul Vaughan takes a look at the British reaction to Bob Hoskins's new film *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, where he shares the screen with cartoon creations animated by Richard Williams, with an interview with its director, Robert Zemeckis. Plus a review of the Polish festival in Glasgow, Polish Realities, featuring galleries and concerts and finally and interview with Steve Martland and Mark Anthony Turnage, who have been commissioned by the BBC to make videos
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Saturday Night and Sunday Morning by Alan Silitoe. Abridged for radio by Peter Mackie (1 of 12) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: presented by Richard Kershaw
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
12.35 Closedown
VHF as LW except:
11.00am-12.00 For School:
11.00 Contact **11.15** Publication Review **11.20** Let's Move! **11.40** The Music Box **11.50** See For Yourself **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.35** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime **2.20** Science Scope **2.40** Whirligig **5.50-5.55** PM(continued) **12.30-1.10** am Schools Night-Time. Drama Resources(11-13)

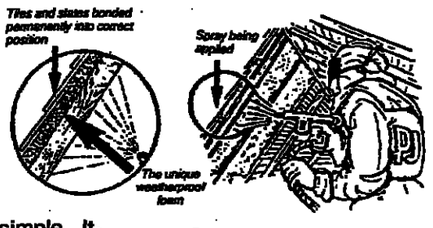
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Drive to recruit solicitor judges

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor has set up a pilot scheme, starting next month, to recruit more solicitors as circuit judges.

There is a constant shortage of suitable candidates for the circuit bench and, earlier this year, the Lord Chancellor told the Top Salaries Review Board that recruitment posed "immediate problems".

To maintain the strength of the circuit bench as judges retire, officials say the Lord Chancellor will have to find 40 new judges a year

Recruitment at present is largely drawn from the Bar There are 410 circuit judges in post, which is 15 below the Treasury compliment. Of these only one in ten is drawn from the ranks of solicitors.

From next month, new committees appointed by the Lord Chancellor will start work, one in each of the six circuits for England and Wales, putting forward the names of suitable candidates for the circuit bench from among solicitors.

If the scheme is successful, it will be extended to cover the country. When recruiting from the Bar, the Lord Chancellor takes soundings from judges, circuit leaders and senior barristers. But as the Bar is one tenth of the size of the solicitors' branch, it is much easier to spot suitable candidates.

Salaries are thought to be one reason for the difficulty in attracting enough candidates. *Despite the recent rises for* judges by the Top Salaries Review Board, there is concern that judicial salaries are still so out of line with those in the profession and the private sector generally that recruitment problems will continue and may worsen.

One Scottish QC, Mr Neil Gow, in an article in last week's *New Law Journal*, questioned whether highly-paid senior partners of solicitors' firms would "give up the generous slice of the partnership profits for the austere and lonely life of the High Court bench"

The pay bill for the judiciary has just been increased by 7.4 per cent. Lords of Appeal now get £78,750 and Lords Justices of Appeal £75,750. But High Court judges are on £68,500 and circuit judges £45,800.

A recent survey by the Office of Manpower Economics showed that earnings of the Bar had been increasing at an annual rate of 10 to 15 per cent a year, much faster than judges' salaries.

It showed that the mean net receipts of a senior barrister were £121,000 before pension provision, for junior counsel, £50,000.

The 90 per cent of High Court judges replying said before they became judges their earnings averaged £157,300; for circuit judges the figures were £66,300 for QCs and £42,900 for juniors.

Welsh extremists blamed for five London fire-bombs

JULIAN HERBERT



After the attacks: The smoke-blackened exterior of Strutt & Parker's Mayfair building and, right, the devastated interior, where an undamaged brochure for Welsh properties was found

By Mark Ellis

Welsh terrorists are believed to have carried out fire-bomb attacks on five London estate agents' offices early yesterday, which burnt out a four-storey building in central London.

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad contacted detectives in North Wales fearing that a Welsh extremist group called *Meibion Glyndwr* (Sons of Glendower) had made its first attacks in London.

The crude incendiary devices pushed through the letter-boxes of the estate agencies in fashionable areas of London are believed to be similar to those the group said it planted in six English counties last month.

Last night explosives experts at Scotland Yard were still examining the devices, which exploded around midnight on Saturday and caused extensive damage to the country property office of Strutt & Parker in Hill Street, Mayfair, central London.

In the charred debris of burnt furniture and ceilings lay a property brochure, virtually undamaged by the fire, which included advertisements for substantial properties in Wales.

A fireman suffered a suspected chipped bone, but was not believed to have been seriously hurt.

The other attacks caused minor damage at Anscombe & Ringland, Notting Hill Gate; Savills, Grosvenor Hill, both west London; Black Horse Agencies/Gascoigne-Pees, in Lower Sloane Street and Jackson-Stops & Staff, of Milner Street, both south west London.

Meibion Glyndwr planted crude incendiary devices in Liverpool and Shrewsbury at weekends earlier this year in a campaign against the sale of Welsh cottages as second homes for English families. Last month it attacked several offices and three bombs exploded, causing minor damage.

The shadowy group has been in existence for ten years and appears to have increased its activities from arson attacks on Welsh holiday homes. A special police conference was held at Telford, Shropshire, last month to coordinate the hunt for the bombers.

Welsh extremists are believed to have been particularly angered by soaring property prices in mid-Wales caused by an influx of buyers from London and the south-east rather than the north-west and Midlands.

Unique radar system

Plessey wins US deal

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A British radar system that avoids attempts to jam it has been bought by the United States Air Force. It will enable America's Tactical Air Command to establish within hours a battlefield radar and air traffic control system anywhere in the world.

The system, developed by Plessey, was chosen by American experts who had scoured the defence industries for equipment to meet the specifications for a New Mobile Radar, NMR.

The radar was selected in preference to designs from suppliers in the United States.

A demonstration of the British equipment, called Watchman, was given to United States specialists by the RAF, at Lyneham, Wiltshire, during a Nato Comparative Test Programme, which allows the allies to assess the performance of each other's technologies.

The first Watchman radar units, costing a total of £2 million, will be delivered early next year, when they will undergo tests in extreme weather and electronic conditions.

The adoption of the equipment by the United States Department of Defence opens a door for British equipment which, in the American military and civil field, is worth a potential £1 billion for air traffic control systems that need replacing.

The military version of Watchman uses the latest fibre optic technology for transmitting signals between equipment, thus avoiding the potential of electrical interference of inter-connecting cables.

Jamming is avoided by the use of computer software and several "electronic countermeasures" that rely on the ability of the radar's transmitter to vary its mode of operation.

In addition to developing a world-beating system, some non-technical changes were needed to succeed in the United States.

Mr Clive Dolan, marketing director of Plessey Radar, said revised methods of competitive bidding introduced for the UK by the Ministry of Defence, had also enabled its American counterparts to compare the British system with other contenders on an equal basis.

It is designed to get the most cost-effective bids.

Lawson faces renewed attack on handling of the economy

Continued from page 1

rates alone were insufficient. He believed there was "considerable concern" among colleagues about the economic situation.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, a well-known dissident, said the interest rate weapon hit "the good, the bad and the ugly equally" and could ruin British industry.

"It's the economics of bedlam to suggest that by keeping the pound up you crush inflation. All you do is encourage exports and discourage exports", he said. He predicted "a difficult spring and a long hot summer" if there were no signs soon that the Chancellor's policies were working.

However, there was qualified support for Mr Lawson from Lord Prior, the former Cabinet minister and GEC chairman, who said he believed the Chancellor was right to raise interest rates. He said Britain's bigger companies could absorb the extra costs so long as they did not rise further and did not persist for too long.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI), which has condemned the use of interest rates to curb inflation, says a survey of investment trends and intentions among members showed export orders continued to deteriorate.

It says the stronger pound has resulted in more companies predicting fewer export orders being won in the remainder of this year than companies anticipating improved export business.

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI economic situation committee, said: "The position on exports is a little disquieting". The CBI has been critical of the Government over wage settlements, saying that while industry is attempting to keep wage increases below the inflation rate central and local government wage awards are in excess of inflation.

Meanwhile, the anticipated higher mortgage payments will leave a slower growth in consumer spending which will help to stemrising imports. House price rises have begun to slow and mortgage commitments by the banks and building societies are falling.

The Chancellor's tactics of lowering interest rates to prevent sterling from rising too far have turned to a need to raise rates to stop the pound falling. Against the Deutschemark, the pound is lower with rates at 13 per cent than it was last May with rates at 7 per cent.

Police find body in Severn

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15-mile stretch of the river Severn below Bridgnorth after detectives in France had interviewed David John Evans, the farmworker suspected of murdering her.

Mr Evans, aged 31, left his parents' home in nearby Bettisfield early the next morning and, after an Interpol alert, he was arrested by French police in Lyons last Monday.

West Mercia police said yesterday that a second body found by the public five miles further downstream near Stourport was not that of Anna Humphries and there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding it.

Other searches for the girl, which have been carried out by soldiers, mountain rescue personnel, police and the public, over 100 square miles of Shropshire countryside, were called off.

● LYONS: Mr Evans has complained to his French lawyer that he was pressurized into making a statement against his will to police about Anna Humphries (David Sapsted writes).

His lawyer, M Leslie Evans said the farmworker had claimed that during the *interrogation he wanted to* remain silent. "This was refused. He said to me he was under pressure and was forced to make a statement."

The lawyer also said Mr Evans would not be told about the discovery of the body until their next meeting tomorrow.

Britain and US set to clash on Arafat

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the Palestinian problem. He revealed that during the Prime Minister's visit to Washington earlier this month she had secured from President-elect George Bush an assurance that *he would make a Middle East* settlement a priority.

"While recognizing the movement that the Palestinians have made, we look to them to reinforce their more promising words with deeds," he said.

Britain and its 11 partners in the European Community hope to formulate a joint Middle East policy at the Rhodes heads of government summit on Friday.

Italy yesterday expressed amazement at Washington's *decision, and the US chargé* d'affaires in Rome was summoned to the Foreign Ministry to provide "clarifications" of the move.

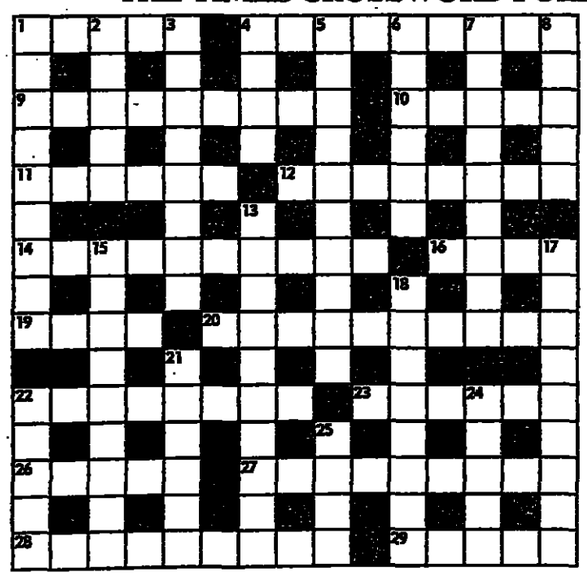
Britain could find itself in a difficult position if forced to choose between its commitment to the EEC, with which it is already in broad agreement, and to Washington.

● JERUSALEM: The Israeli Government which is, at least, wholly united in its opposition to the PLO and the declaration of independence, was *greatly relieved at the decision* to refuse a visa to Mr Arafat (Ian Murray writes).

Since the Algiers declaration, Israeli diplomats in Washington have been making clear to the State Department the view that the PLO should not now be allowed to capitalize on the statement. Israeli diplomats around the world have been telling national governments that a Palestinian state cannot be viable and that the PLO remains essentially a terrorist organization.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, immediately congratulated the US Administration on its decision to refuse the visa. He sent a telegram to Mr Shultz expressing his personal esteem over the decision.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,838



ACROSS

1 Non-rural pope (5).
4 He touches down after a circuit, being a Scandinavian (9).
9 Taking notice, but not of that early-to-bed maxim (7,2).
10 Maybe Panama queries Capone's ability (5).
11 It's a bit of a loss if youth has to become callous (6).
12 The way an address is given for a postal round (8).
14 Sweater tucked in by a sleeping native of Galapagos (10).
16 Compete with a prospect (4).
19 It is dead — dead — dead (4).
20 The art of securing communications by a late call-up (10).
22 Fiddling the central heating consumption (8)
23 A Green group may be concerned with their welfare (6).
26 Eight lines of verse, etc. originally in the scriptures (5).
27 Languor of a girl with sex appeal due to model (9).
28 Depicted a harbour spread out (9).
29 Observations made by lechers right in their wine dregs (5).

DOWN

1 Chaste, but unlikely to be chased (9).
2 Barrels, and where they are pointed for rifle practice (5).
3 A quick cleaner, likely to secure the record (4-4).
4 Look with enthusiasm for a trademark (4).
5 Sort of rent a landlord might sneeze at (10).
6 Cold involving sort of light spasm (6).
7 *Sounds like a swell celebrity, but* a weedy one (9).
8 Recover sufficiently for the big meeting (5).
13 Treat friendly alien as an enemy subjectively (10).
15 Barker describing the evening sun (3,6).
17 Road toll, rather surprising at first for travellers on foot (9).
18 Large paper beard (8).
21 One who declares foreign coin (6).
22 Inflammation of the throat or rump (5).
24 Evolve Eastern dictator's title (5).
25 No longer employed (4).

Concise crossword, page 22

The Ninth Penguin Book of The Times Crosswords is now on sale price £1.99.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PIEPOWDER
a. Caster sugar
b. Gunpowder for priming
c. A vagabond

ULEMA
a. Brazil nut oil
b. A negative dilemma
c. Muslim great and good

BODLE
a. A Scottish coin
b. To predict evil
c. To pan for silver

MURVA
a. Distilled myrrh
b. An Afghan assassin
c. Bowstring hemp

Answers on page 22, column 3

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,837 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

Most places will have a mild day, with temperatures rising to well above normal. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly cloudy with rain or drizzle and hill fog. Eastern Scotland and Northern England will have rain at first but will become dry and bright with some sunny spells in the afternoon. Wales and the rest of England will begin cloudy and dry, but rain will move in during the day. Outlook: continuing unsettled, but mild and frost-free.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	4.2	-	7	45	sunny
Cromer	3.1	-	8	46	sunny
Lowestoft	0.5	-	8	46	bright
Clacton	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Margate	-	.04	8	45	drizzle
Brighton	-	-	6	43	dull
Sandown	2.9	-	8	46	bright
Bournemouth	-	-	7	45	dull
Weymouth	-	-	7	45	dull
Torquay	-	-	7	45	dull
Penzance	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	9	48	dull
Jersey	7.8	-	9	48	sunny
Guernsey	7.7	-	11	52	sunny
Newquay	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	-	-	bright
Minehead	-	-	6	43	dull
Morecambe	0.1	-	6	43	dull
Douglas	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Carlisle	2.2	-	7	45	bright
Leeds	2.6	-	8	46	sunny
London	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Manchester	-	-	5	41	fog
N'cstl-o-Tyne	5.2	-	8	46	sunny
Nottingham	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Aviemore	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Tenby	1.1	-	8	46	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Aviemore	-	.02	7	45	rain
Edinburgh	0.2	-	7	45	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	3.2	-	6	43	sunny
Glasgow	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Kinloss	7.6	.01	7	45	cloudy
Lerwick	1.0	.08	8	46	shower
Stornoway	-	.06	9	48	shower
Tiree	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Wick	0.2	.38	7	45	shower
Belfast	-	-	8	43	dull

* Denotes figures not available
These are Saturday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.24	6.6	4.52	6.8
Aberdeen	4.09	3.8	4.03	3.9
Avonmouth	9.50	11.8	10.17	10.9
Belfast	1.40	3.1	1.57	3.6
Cardiff	9.35	10.8	10.02	10.2
Devonport	8.21	5.1	8.49	4.7
Dover	1.28	6.3	1.45	6.0
Falmouth	7.51	4.9	8.19	4.5
Glasgow	3.30	4.5	3.16	5.1
Heysham	2.16	3.7	2.44	3.7
Holyhead	12.55	4.9	1.07	5.1
Hull	9.12	6.4	9.12	6.7
Ilfracombe	8.38	8.3	9.03	7.8
Leith	5.26	5.1	5.46	5.0
Liverpool	1.42	8.4	1.58	8.5
Lowestoft	-	-	12.38	2.2
Margate	2.28	4.5	3.01	4.5
Milford Haven	8.58	6.3	9.24	5.9
Newquay	7.50	8.4	8.17	8.0
Oban	8.04	3.8	8.44	3.3
Penzance	7.25	5.2	7.55	4.7
Portland	9.17	2.1	9.59	1.7
Portsmouth	2.04	4.4	2.06	4.3
Shoreham	1.37	5.8	1.43	5.6
Southampton	1.32	4.2	1.39	4.0
Swansea	8.54	8.6	9.19	8.2
Tees	6.31	4.9	6.36	5.0
W'ton-on-Nze	2.12	3.9	2.43	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.
Times are GMT

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Luxor	27	81	s
Akrotiri	18	64	c	Madrid	11	52	s
Algiers	17	63	f	Majorca	18	64	s
Amst'dam	8	46	r	Malta	16	61	c
Athens	14	57	s	Milan	7	45	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Moscow	-5	23	sn
Belgrade	1	34	c	Munich	2	36	c
Berlin	4	39	c	Nairobi	24	75	f
Brussels	8	46	s	Nice	13	55	s
Budapest	2	36	fg	Oslo	-4	25	s
Cairo	22	72	s	Paris	7	45	f
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Peking	10	50	s
C'blanca	19	66	s	Perth	28	82	s
Ch'church	22	72	f	Prague	5	41	f
Cologne	7	45	f	Reykjvk	5	41	r
C'phgn	3	37	f	Rhodes	16	61	f
Corfu	14	57	s	Rio de J	22	72	c
Dublin	7	45	c	Riyadh	28	82	s
Dubrovnik	8	46	c	Rome	13	55	s
Florence	10	50	s	Seoul	2	36	s
Frankfurt	5	41	c	Singapor	32	90	t
Funchal	19	66	s	St'kholm	-3	27	s
Geneva	-1	30	c	Strasb'rg	2	36	c
Gibraltar	15	59	r	Sydney	16	61	c
Helsinki	-6	21	s	Tangier	17	63	c
Hong K	19	66	s	Tel aviv	19	66	c
Innsbruck	1	34	c	Tenerife	17	63	f
Istanbul	7	45	r	Tokyo	11	52	s
Jeddah	31	88	s	Tunis	18	61	f
Karachi	28	79	s	Valencia	15	59	s
L Palmas	21	70	f	Venice	9	48	s
Le Touet	9	48	r	Vienna	6	43	c
Lisbon	14	57	s	Warsaw	1	34	sn
Locarno	5	41	s	Wel'ton	16	64	r
Luxemb'g	5	41	c	Zurich	1	34	c

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.27
Austria Sch	23.10	21.70
Belgium Fr	68.00	68.60
Canada $	2.28	2.16
Denmark Kr	12.51	12.01
Finland Mrk	7.54	7.44
France Fr	11.20	10.60
Germany Dm	3.27	3.09
Greece Dr	265	265
Hong Kong $	14.55	14.10
Ireland Pt	1.23	1.17
Italy Lire	2445	2315
Japan Yen	237.50	221.50
Netherlands Gld	3.70	3.50
Norway Kr	12.36	11.76
Portugal Esc	273	259
South Africa Rd	4.65	4.15
Spain Pta	214.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	11.51	10.91
Switzerland Fr	2.75	2.59
Turkey Lira	3800	3200
USA $	1.928	1.828
Yugoslavia Dnr	10700	8500

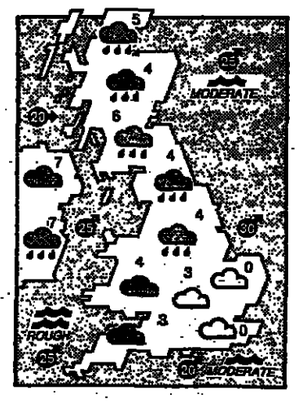
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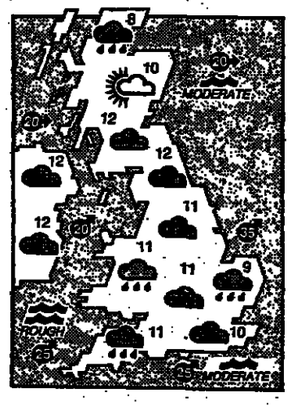
London: The *FT* index closed down 31.1 at 1462.6.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 17.50 at 2074.55.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.27 pm to 7.11 am
Bristol 4.37 pm to 7.21 am
Edinburgh 4.17 pm to 7.46 am
Manchester 4.26 pm to 7.29 am
Penzance 4.55 pm to 7.27 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	6	43	c	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'mingham	5	41	s	Inverness	6	43	c
Blackpool	3	37	s	Jersey	9	48	c
Bristol	6	43	s	London	7	45	s
Cardiff	6	43	f	M'chester	4	39	s
Edinburgh	5	41	c	Newcastle	8	43	c
Glasgow	5	41	c	R'ridaway	8	46	f

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Ross-on-Wye, Hereford, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Wick, Highland, 0.38in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 7.9hr.

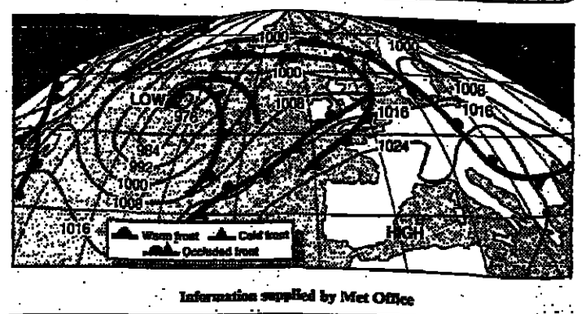
LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1028.1 millibars, steady.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 8 am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6 pm, 77 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1025.4 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sun rises: 7.40 am
Sun sets: 3.57 pm
Moon sets: 12.04 pm
Moon rises: 8.34 pm
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NOON TODAY



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CHANGE ON WEEK	
FT 30 Share 1462.6 (–26.4)	US dollar 1.8445 (+0.0275)
FT-SE 100 1794.7 (–28.7)	W German mark 3.1642 (+0.0153)
USM (Datastream) 157.72 (–2.89)	Trade-weighted 77.6 (+0.4)

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Opec deal hits late snag over pricing

From A Correspondent
Vienna

A tentative Opec agreement on a new production quota was in jeopardy yesterday because ministers cannot agree on the price the cartel should sell its oil.

Iran insists on an $18 target price but well informed Opec sources said Saudi Arabia and Kuwait raised objections, saying the target price should be set in a price band of between $15 and $18. Other Opec members, including Nigeria, are, however, said to be unhappy with this proposal. Opec ministers were holding more meetings to try and resolve the problem.

"Iran is not going to accept this kind of idea," said Mr Fereidoun Barkeshli, the Iranian oil spokesman. "It's a new price formula that we never knew about." Another Opec delegate who sat in on the deadlocked talks involving the eight countries belonging to Opec's pricing and long-term strategy committees said: "We had it in our grasp and suddenly it was gone."

The hitch came only hours before the cartel was set to sign a unified accord involving all 13 members, following a change of policy by Iraq which has refused to sign production accords for two years.

The Iranian cabinet agreed yesterday to sign the six-month production ceiling agreement of 18.5 million barrels a day; Opec now produces around 22 million barrels a day, roughly four million over world demand for Opec oil.

The proposed accord would also have granted parity to Iran's rival Iraq as Opec's 11 other members had agreed to forgo part of their quotas.

Analysts said the news might put a damper on prices.

Steel sell-off opens way to Euro battle

By Colin Narbrough

The threat of a highly profitable British Steel re-entering the private sector may help trigger the long-awaited restructuring of the West German steel industry, Western Europe's leading producer.

Thyssen, the leading West German steel-maker, confirmed at the weekend that it was considering buying a stake in its rival Krupp — a link-up that would open the way to massive rationalization in the Ruhr valley.

This could force British Steel to join the fray, as West Germany, with its powerful steel-consuming manufacturing sector, is regarded as the best European market in which to expand.

Sir Robert Scholey, the chairman of British Steel, has made it plain that his company has the financial strength to expand in Europe, but has stressed the immediate need to focus on flotation.

Confirmation of Thyssen's interest in a Krupp stake came in response to a report in a West German magazine, which said the Düsseldorf-based Thyssen, which is set for record profits this year, was seeking a majority stake. Thyssen declined, however, to say how large a holding it had in mind.

Krupp, a big arms supplier to Imperial and Nazi Germany, totally rejected, on commercial and legal grounds, the idea of its arch-rival taking a majority stake.

"Such a shareholding is neither suitable nor sensible for business reasons and, according to the statutes of the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Trust, impossible on legal grounds," a statement from its Essen headquarters said.

The rules of the Krupp family trust, which controls nearly 75 per cent of the company, are designed to prevent outsiders from acquiring a majority interest.

But there has recently been considerable speculation about the future of the 25 per cent stake bought by the Shah of Iran in 1974, and about the need to give Krupp a more orthodox corporate status. Tehran is believed to want to sell its stake to help raise funds to rebuild its war-torn economy, but the lawyer representing Iran on the Krupp board claimed not to be aware of any developments involving Thyssen.

Thyssen's possible acquisition of a stake in Krupp was the subject of discussions last week between Dr Dieter Spethmann, the Thyssen managing board chairman, and Herr Berthold Beitz, head of the Krupp group.

Regional efforts to streamline West Germany's largely privately-owned steel industry in the early 1980s came to nothing, as powerful interests prevented the mergers and plant closures which were widely recognized as being essential.

Despite the improved demand for steel, Krupp last week said heavy losses in its industrial plant division would leave it with a pre-tax loss of up to DM100 million (£31 million) this year.

The recent scandal over big oil trading losses at Klöckner & Co, Krupp's trading arm, also focused attention on the need to restructure. Deutsche Bank came to Klöckner's rescue, but in return made the company undertake to seek a public listing.

The move could lead to the break-up of the Klöckner "empire", thus opening the way to fresh alliances in steel.

In that situation, Klöckner's big mill at Bremen, on the North Sea coast, which has long been running below capacity, might be of interest to British Steel.

Prospects for the £2.5 billion British Steel flotation may effectively be settled when the stock market opens for business this morning. After Friday's shock trade figures, which pushed the market down by 50 points at one stage, today's start to the new trading account will be crucial to demand for British Steel, application lists for which close at 10am on Friday.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the leading West German banks, all closely linked to their country's steel makers, are participating in the British Steel sale, indicating their confidence in the company's future.

● An application form appears on pages 28 and 29

Lorry seat-maker sitting pretty

MARC ASPLAND



Seat of power: Bostrom's Colin Howell has turned £2 million losses into £2 million profits

Bostrom seeks value of £16m in flotation

By Michael Tate

Mr Colin Howell cares about lorry drivers. He makes 100,000 of them more comfortable every year — and he does the same for as many tractor and dumper-truck drivers, too.

Bostrom, the company of which he is managing director, makes the seats for one in every five of Europe's lorries, tractors and construction vehicles, and this week he will unveil details of its stock market flotation.

Bostrom shares worth about £5 million will be sold to institutional investors, through a placing that Mr Howell hopes will put a price tag of approaching £16 million on the business.

After the flotation, Mr Howell, an engineer who mortgaged his house to raise the £33,000 he needed to spearhead the company's £6 million buyout from Signal, its US owner, in 1984, will be worth £3 million on paper.

At the time of the buyout Bostrom was losing money at the rate of almost £2 million a year.

Under Mr Howell, however, it has defied a flagging European market to improve sales, increase market share and set a course for profits of more than £2 million this year.

Bostrom continues to find new markets: this year, for example, it will supply the Russians with half-a-million tractor seats, and it is testing the Japanese and United States markets.

Mr Howell, aged 41, also has hopes for a possible joint venture with Epeda-Bertrand-Foure, Europe's largest car-seat manufacturer, which is eyeing the spare capacity Bostrom has at its plant in Northampton.

At the same time, fully aware of the dangers of too much dependence on one product, Bostrom is diversifying. The company has spent £1 million on two new acquisitions in the past year, and plans more.

The placing will raise £2 million for the company, which will be used to pay off borrowings. The remaining £3 million or so will go to existing shareholders, including Mr Howell himself, the family of his late colleague and finance director, Mr Ed Morley, Kleinwort Benson Development Capital and Equity Capital for Industry, all of which will be trimming their holdings.

Sterling strength 'hitting exports'

By David Young

The strong pound, which the Chancellor is seeking to strengthen even further by keeping interest rates high, is already hitting exports.

The Confederation of British Industry has already criticized Mr Nigel Lawson for using interest rates to control inflation, and its latest Monthly Trends survey will add to industry's dissatisfaction.

The survey, although completed before last week's interest rate rise, shows there are fewer export orders because of sterling's strength. Although 55 per cent of firms said export orders were running at a normal level and 20 per cent reported increased export orders, 24 per cent claimed they were below average.

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI economic situation committee, said: "The position on exports is a little disquieting. The survey shows that export order books weakened further in November reflecting the strength of sterling during the course of the year.

"This emphasizes the need for British industry to remain competitive with its major overseas rivals. While manufacturers recognize the need to control the costs and continue to raise their productivity, it is also important that high interest rates do not jeopardize trading prospects in 1989."

The Government may be able to draw some comfort from the CBI's overall forecast that manufacturing output is expected to grow strongly over the coming months.

The CBI's latest forecast points to a gradual slowdown in economic growth to more sustainable rates in 1989-90 combined with lowering inflation and a steady improvement in the external deficit. This was based on a modest decline in the dollar against the pound, high interest rates dampening consumer demand and pay settlements not being affected by next year's temporary rise in inflation.

The CBI said: "If these factors do not turn out as expected, there is a risk that the economy will experience slower growth, higher inflation and a higher level of interest rates, with consequent depressive effects in 1990."

It forecasts manufacturing output will rise 7.2 per cent, the highest increase since 1973, but will drop to 4.8 per cent next year and only 2.9 per cent in 1990. The same pattern has emerged on investment plans, with an expected rise of 12 per cent this year, 7.3 per cent next year and only 1.5 per cent in 1990.

Enterprise shortlist

The shortlist for this year's Business Enterprise Award made by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) includes the maker of high-quality heavy trucks and the company which will put more socks into this year's Christmas stockings than any other.

The annual awards will be presented by Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, at a charity lunch in aid of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults (MENCAP) on Wednesday.

The six finalists are Amstrad, of Brentwood, Essex; Digital Equipment, of Reading; Iceland Frozen Foods, of Deeside, near Chester; ERF, of Sandbach, Cheshire; Lilliput of Skirsgill, Penrith; and Sock Shop International, of London.

Lonrho declares war on Bond

By Our City Staff

Mr Tiny Rowland today trains his heavy cannon on Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, with a 93-page salvo designed to blow the Bond group, Lonrho's biggest shareholder, out of the water.

Urgently assembled over the past fortnight, the Lonrho report says the Bond group has net borrowings and commitments totalling Aus$11.49 billion (£5.4 billion), a negative net worth of Aus$4.2 billion, and a prospective post-interest operational loss of Aus$641 million in 1988-89. The report, which will go to bankers, brokers and journalists today, says the group has borrowed 28,000 times the equity invested in Dalhold, the parent group.

"The Bond Group of companies are technically insolvent, the commercial existence of which is supported through extraordinary bank support," the document says.

Mr Bond has bought a threatening 21 per cent of Lonrho and any initial welcome it gave Mr Bond's share-purchasing has disappeared.

The Bond Group of Companies, the Lonrho view of the group's financial situation, is an effective declaration of war on Mr Bond. An amicable settlement would now appear to be ruled out.

The report's technique is reminiscent of the tomes issued during Mr Rowland's campaign against the Fayeds' capture of House of Fraser, which owns Harrods.

He has still not admitted defeat in his bid to have that takeover unwound, despite the Department of Trade and Industry's ruling that there will be no referral of the case.

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Nuclear capacity unclear

By Our Energy Correspondent

The level of nuclear power capacity which will have to be carried by the privatized electricity industry will remain unclear after the publication on Thursday of the Bill to move the industry into the private sector.

Privatization of the industry is designed to raise as much as £20 billion for the Exchequer.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, will unveil the Bill on Thursday, but the crucial level of how much nuclear capacity the industry will be required to have will not be fixed until the Bill goes through its various Parliamentary stages.

Mr Parkinson has decided that the amount of power which the two new generating companies or the 12 area electricity boards will be required to produce from non-fossil sources — effectively nuclear power — will be set "at or about the present level."



Parkinson: presenting Bill

However, it is unclear if this level will be the present level of installed nuclear power plant or at the level of present output from the nuclear power stations. A level set at the installed level would mean that the higher end of previous predictions of between 15 per cent and 25 per cent while the other alternative would place it nearer the 15 per cent figure.

Potential institutional investors and advisers in the City to the Government would prefer the level being set as low as possible.

The deliberate vagueness in the Bill will give the Government more time to put forward the environmental advantages of nuclear power.

It will also give the Central Electricity Generating Board the chance to win planning permission to build its proposed Hinkley Point Pressurised Water Cooled Reactor.

● The Department of Energy will this week announce how the Piper Alpha oil production platform is to be demolished.

Car sales in line for 2.2m record

New car sales in Britain have passed the 2 million mark and are expected to reach a record 2.2 million for 1988.

However, demand is expected to fall between 5 per cent and 10 per cent in next year.

Total registrations for this year so far climbed to 2.07 million, compared with 2.013 million for all of last year.

Sales in the first nine months of the year, which were 12 per cent ahead of the 1987 level, fell in the last quarter as higher interest rates reined in demand.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders expects the market in 1989 to slip to 2.1 million registrations, depending upon any further interest rate rise.

Quadrex Holdings

In our article "B&C's £100 million damages win over Quadrex" (November 25), we said that British & Commonwealth had won damages of at least £100 million against Quadrex Securities in the High Court. Contrary to this report, the decision was against Quadrex Holdings Inc, Quadrex Securities' ultimate holding company. While Mr Justice Hirst referred to B&C's claim as being "in the order of £100 million", his judgement was in relation to liability only. The size of the damages has yet to be assessed pending an appeal by Quadrex. We apologise to Quadrex Securities Ltd for any embarrassment caused by the article.

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City rents could fall as fringe areas relieve pressure on space

Law opens new door for more offices

By Cliff Feltham

A change in the planning laws could create a huge new pool of office space on the City of London's doorstep — and possibly trigger off a fall in rents in the Square Mile.

From next month, buildings which have been used in the past for industrial purposes can be converted into offices without any need for planning permission.

The changes, under the 1988 General Development Order, could dramatically alter the shape and character of some areas — although the greatest impact could be on the fringes of the City of London. Montagu Evans, the chartered surveyor, which has prepared a special report on the subject, estimates that there are approximately 16 million square feet of industrial floorspace on the northern fringes of the City of London alone.

A large part is contained within unlisted Victorian and Edwardian buildings, used by firms engaged in a variety of light industrial activities, such as printing and packaging. Most of the space is located in Camden, Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets.

The agents say these buildings could be internally modernized to provide much-needed office accommodation. This is likely to appeal to the owners of the building who could charge as much as 50 per cent more by renting out the space to office users.

"This increase in rental return should, of course, be balanced against the cost of providing floorspace which meets the requirements of the present day occupier, and will be affected by the inevitable market re-adjustment in the supply and demand of office space, following the introduction of the Order," the surveyors point out.

The property team at Chase Manhattan Securities, the broker, believe "this windfall planning gain" could see rental values jump from as little as £5 a square foot to a potential maximum of perhaps £20 a square foot.

Mr Alastair Gunn, one of the team, says the sheer volume of extra office space which could become available could have some impact on rents within the Square Mile.

"It could create a secondary level of office rents in an area which is starting to attract some attention from the big property companies," he said.

Already, London & Edinburgh Trust, the property group, has submitted a planning application for 650,000 sq ft of space off the City Road.

The site is close to another development currently being carried out by Helical Bar and pre-sold to BP in the same previously neglected area.

Some analysts believe developers may favour schemes in the northern areas of the City because of its stability and location rather than undertaking expensive projects in docklands which is still unproven.

Either way, the freeing of more office space around the City, coupled with the developments taking place in docklands, seem likely to relieve some of the upward pressure of rents in prime City locations.

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USM REVIEW

Metro Radio Group is poised to tune in with £10m valuation

News that another independent radio station is to join the USM will be filling the airwaves this week when Metro Radio Group takes its bow.

Details of the placing by County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, of between 20 per cent and 25 per cent of the equity, should be given soon. It should capitalize Metro at about £10 million.

Metro was formed in 1973 and successfully applied the same year to the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the local radio franchise covering the Tyne and Wear area. It now broadcasts 24 hours a day and the current franchise comes up for renewal in 1993.

During its first few years Metro traded at a loss. Under the guidance of Mr Neil Robinson, the managing director, it managed to reduce overheads and by reformatting its programme moved into profit in 1977. Since 1984 pre-tax profits have grown from £209,000 to £1 million for the year to September 30, on turnover up from £2.2 million to £5.3 million.

A couple of years ago, Metro bought Sound Broadcasting which held the local radio franchise for the adjoining transmission area covering Cleveland, operating under the name Tfm Radio. Tfm started to make profits after Metro applied its own brand of management and decided to alter its programme format. Its franchise comes up for renewal in 1994.

Mr Robinson says the group earns most of its money selling airtime to local, regional and national advertisers. Under the terms of the IBA franchise, Metro is allowed to broadcast a maximum nine minutes per hour of advertising.

Mr Robinson says Metro's broadcasts reach an adult population of 2.18 million. Its biggest rival is the BBC's Radio 1. But Metro has managed to keep ahead of the opposition.

When Metro took over Tfm it had an audience share of 19 per cent. But by adopting Metro's programming strategy, that figure has grown to 25 per cent. Mr Robinson says Tfm is continuing to close the gap on Radio 1 which has 29 per cent.

Mr Robinson believes that advertisers



Neil Robinson: reaching the audience

and advertising agencies are still attracted to local radio because of its ability to reach audiences when other media may be unavailable to them — such as when they are driving or at work.

Two other companies will also be announcing plans for a USM quotation this week. The first of them is Apollo Metals, which provides specialized processing and distribution for aluminium products to high-technology engineering companies.

Apollo was the subject of a management buyout in 1985. Since 1984 pre-tax profits have grown from £507,000 to £928,000 in the year to September 30, on turnover up from £9.7 million to £14.38 million.

Customers include British Aerospace, British Nuclear Fuels, British Rail, Ferranti, Marconi, Lucas and Westland Helicopters.

Meanwhile, Neilson Milnes, the Liverpool broking house, is helping to arrange a placing of shares in Embassy Property Group. The group was formed a couple of years back as a holding company to acquire the property development and construction companies owned by Mr Roger Holbeche and Mr Michael Cleveley — two of Embassy's present directors.

Since then pre-tax profits have soared from £82,000 to £705,000 on turnover up from £1.59 million to £12.2 million.

Michael Clark

Oil prepares for upswing

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Oil industry specialists are being asked to prepare contributions for next year's Offshore Europe Conference in Aberdeen, which will highlight a wave of investment expected in the industry.

Mr Alan Ace, chief operating executive of Britoil, is chairing the committee that will set the final programme. He said: "There is new evidence of growing optimism. While price uncertainty can never be eliminated, this new-found confidence is predicated on a firmer grasp of costs, allied to a clearer understanding of the technical challenges. The period since the dramatic oil price fall, and the traumas which followed, has not been wasted.

"Activities will centre on extracting maximum value from mature assets; developing smaller, commercially marginal and technically more difficult oil accumulation; and bringing into production existing gas and condensate discoveries."

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
4,923,000	A & M Gp	8	-1½			
34.2m	ASD	478	-10	14.0	2.9	13.4
8,359,000	ATA Selecton	76	●...	2.8	3.7	16.6
11.2m	Aber Per	17	...			
6,600,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	55	...	2.0	3.6	13.5
33.4m	Acal	172	...	4.7	2.7	13.7
18.5m	Acorn Comp	23	-1			
21.0m	Acres Group	250	...	6.0	...	67.1
14.0m	Airspring	153	-5	8.0	4.3	9.5
3,147,000	Allied Int	98	...	5.3	5.4	10.8
5,645,000	Ald Restaurants	51	-2	2.0	3.9	9.1
45.5m	Amer Bus Sys	121	-4	2.3	1.9	12.9
10.1m	Ander	172	●-2	4.0	2.8	14.2
41.6m	Asic Holographics	288	+3			
40.9m	Ashtead	224	-4	2.7	1.0	18.0
51.2m	Aspen Comms	490	...	7.3	1.5	21.6
163.4m	Aspray	305	...	9.3	2.0	13.8
4,099,000	Assoc Energy	59	-5			61.5
7,413,000	Assoc Nursing	136	...	2.7	2.0	17.4
16.4m	Atomic Sec	81	...			
22.8m	Atlas Equipment	369	● ...	10.7	3.8	15.1
6,446,000	Automagic	113	-2	8.7	7.7	28.8
2,732,000	BSB Design	33	-5	2.0	6.1	8.2
10.6m	BCE	38	...	1.3	3.4	51.3
13.7m	BLP Group	120	-5	4.3	3.5	17.6
4,375,000	BTS Grp	65	+4	5.7	8.7	...
10.7m	BWD	114	+1½	9.0	4.4	9.2
20.7m	Baywood	241	-7	7.6	3.2	13.5
4,036,000	Bedford (William)	65	...	3.0	3.5	7.9
8,309,000	Bergens Crisps	85	...	1.1	1.3	16.7
8,534,000	Berry Birch & Noble	108	●+7	5.0	5.6	10.6
4,215,000	Beston(Bernerss	100	...	5.5	5.5	12.5
4,677,000	Bio Isolates	138	...	...	...	...
12.0m	Bmec Ind	26	...	...	...	...
3,300,000	Bornshards	58	...	...	...	...
22.1m	Brennan Exhib	670	-30	10.7	1.6	25.7
19.5m	Bristord Toys	235	-10	8.0	3.5	9.4
3,744,000	Border TV	37	-1	2.3	6.2	7.8
43.2m	Borland	88	-8	...	...	...
5,032,000	Brownmaker	7	...	...	...	13.2
8,171,000	Br Bloodstock	235	...	11.7	5.0	40.4
14.7m	Br Hyland	62	...	2.7	3.3	9.5
13.8m	Broad St	34½	...	1.5	4.3	51.1
44.5m	Broadwell Land	174	-10	5.5	3.2	6.1
68.1m	Brookmount	500	-5	7.0	1.4	16.3
13.9m	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	2.3
44.8m	Burford	365	● ...	2.0	0.5	42.1
20.4m	CCA Publications	91	●-4	4.0	4.4	24.8
22.5m	CML Micro	137	-2	1.9	1.5	15.0
8,107,000	CPU Comp	47	-1	...	...	13.7
20.7m	CP Corp	105	●-2	2.9	2.7	19.4
	Cairn Energy	215	-7½	...	...	...
2,849,000	Caledonian	58	...	...	...	...
15.1m	Cap & Regional	128	-2	6.5	5.4	48.1
14.1m	Carron Phosphate	153	...	4.7	3.5	...
10.4m	Castle Cmnn	270	●-6	6.8	3.5	14.5
30.8m	Catalyst	92	...	6.5	1.5	12.7
10.1m	Central Motor	101	-3	3.3	1.5	16.0
13.1m	Chelsea Man	105	...	3.9	3.1	13.6
16.2m	Chestergate Gp	136	-1	4.0	2.9	15.5
8,512,000	Chiltern Group	103	...	...	...	6.8
5,105,000	Chrysalis	120	-2	2.6	2.2	7.9
6,330,000	Circaprint	122	-5	3.0	2.5	9.8
23.2m	Cityguard	295	-15	9.0	3.1	10.1
7,015,000	Citylake CP	290	-15	9.0	3.1	...
5,000,000	City of Lon	78	...	1.0	1.3	11.5
42.5m	Cityvision	105	-5	8.7	8.7	...
13.4m	Clarke Hooper	151	...	4.0	2.5	13.1
6,292,000	Cleaning Gp	16	...	...	...	...
38.0m	Cluff Resources	82	-8	...	...	...
7,134,000	Coated Electrodes	59	...	...	...	23.3
21.1m	Cobra Emerald	57	...	...	...	...
2,566,000	Colorgen Inc	23	+1	...	...	...
27.5m	Colorgraphic	224	-3	6.4	2.9	18.2
48.6m	Colourvision	353	-15	5.7	1.6	33.6
9,589,000	Co of Designers	75	-1	2.9	3.9	9.0
16.0m	Composoft	45	-1	...	...	...
12.0m	Conkey Pet	40	...	...	...	...
19.1m	Conn Tom Invs	38	-1	...	...	...
10.6m	Cont Microwave	200	...	4.2	2.1	13.3
29.0m	Cook (DC)	163	-5	3.8	2.3	11.3
11.1m	Copymore	103	●-2	2.7	2.6	12.6
21.0m	Corporate Prop	64	●...	2.3	3.6	32.3
20.1m	Corton Bch	60	-5	0.7	1.2	10.2
14.0m	Crampborn	485	●+115	7.3	1.5	24.1
6,810,000	Cranbrook	99	-1	0.7	1.0	36.7
5,644,000	Cranswick	63	...	7.4	8.9	11.9
4,191,000	Craton Lodge	73	-2	3.3	4.5	10.2
19.0m	Creighton Labs	415	-13	7.2	1.7	18.1
43.5m	Crown Comm	193	-13	...	...	...
5,985,000	Davies (DY)	110	●+5	5.3	4.8	20.0
22.4m	Deen & Bowes	171	+3	8.0	3.5	20.1
3,874,000	Delta Gp	52	-1	3.1	5.7	11.0
7,525,000	Denmans Elec	175	-5	5.5	3.1	10.7
52.5m	Dewey Warren	120	-6	...	...	...
34.7m	Dolphin Packaging	180	-8	4.9	2.4	19.0
27.0m	Dorby Inc	440	...	6.3	1.9	14.0
7,166,000	Domton	36	-1½	1.0	2.9	13.1
4,936,000	Dudley Jenkins	113	...	2.7	2.4	16.4
10.5m	Durham (DG)	56	+1	...	...	...
8,630,000	Eadie	51	●-2	2.2	4.3	25.8
12.4m	Eden Forestry	89	-2	4.0	4.5	12.5
3,865,000	Edin Oil & Gas	29	-1	...	...	...
44.2m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	575	+2	11.0	1.9	23.9
24.2m	Emerson House	138	+2	6.0	4.3	10.8
18.0m	Epwin	126	-4	6.4	5.1	10.4
19.7m	Eve Group	210	-5	6.0	3.8	12.0
7,659,000	Expecter Leisure	110	-9	2.9	2.6	...
31.5m	Explora Hldgs	45	-1	...	...	...
9,167,000	F S H Group	20	+1	...	...	...
14.7m	Fairmaven Ind	13½	...	...	...	...
4,108,000	Fairway London	55	-4	3.3	5.3	8.8
4,720,000	Fenech	56	-2	3.3	5.3	17.9
900,000	Ferrum Mining	36	+3	...	...	...
10.4m	Fergabrook	13	...	...	...	7.1
69.0m	Fiesta (Mrs)	86	...	...	...	...
13.6m	Filofax	89	-5	4.3	4.5	9.2
46.8m	Firstland	27	-1	...	...	...
10.3m	Flexitech	47	-1	...	...	...
49.9m	Flogas	210	...	...	...	...
17.5m	Flotech Energy	19½	-½	...	...	...
44.7m	Ford Sales	105	-5	2.7	2.6	14.3
13.0m	Forward Gp	180	●-5	4.0	2.2	15.2
13.0m	Freeman Gp	128	-5	3.6	2.8	12.0
41.7m	French Conn	100	-5	7.0	7.0	9.5
80.0m	Fuller Smith 'A'	400	...	4.8	1.2	22.8
9,404,000	GWR Gp	635	-10	...	...	...
5,000,000	GC Flooring	53	-2	2.7	5.1	26.1
13.5m	Gascoyd	120	-4	5.3	4.4	8.1
12.3m	Gardner (DC)	170	+2	2.7	1.6	19.5
3,369,000	Gibbon Lyons	165	...	6.0	3.6	14.6
15.0m	Gibbs Mew	273	-5	6.0	2.2	27.7
3,627,000	Global Gp	95	●-4	2.3	4.2	15.7
48.000	Godwin Warren	1	...	2.5†	...	0.3
18.3m	Granyte Surface	131	+5	4.1	3.1	18.4
21.9m	Great Southern	218	...	8.4	3.9	14.8
15.9m	Green (Ernest)	221	●...	8.3	2.9	12.1
2,100,000	Greenwich Cable	30	-5	...	...	...

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13.7m	Guidehouse	58	● ...	1.9	3.3	14.2
20.4m	Halls Homes	195	●-5	8.1	3.1	24.2
8,493,000	Hampden Homecare	98	...	2.4	2.5	10.4
11.3m	Handley Walker	178	-5	5.1	2.9	20.0
16.1m	Harrisons Leisure	62	-1	0.2	0.3	74.7
12.4m	Hatfield Estates	185	-5	4.0	2.4	8.2
86.6m	Hawthorn Leslie	47	-½	0.3	0.6	47.0
9,075,000	Hestair Cons	98	...	1.3	2.0	13.2
4,334,000	Heswicroe	805	...	16.5	2.0	22.5
8,134,000	Do 'A' LV	770	...	16.5	2.1	20.8
9,000,000	Hewetson	131	+1	4.5	3.1	15.6
10.3m	Hey & Croft	88	...	2.1	2.4	10.1
77.9m	Highland Plan	249	+11	2.7	1.1	...
6,232,000	Hills Ergonom	55	+2	2.9	5.2	14.2
8,555,000	Hobson	23	-1	1.0	4.3	8.5
38.7m	Hodgson	155	-5	3.3	1.7	17.0
4,350,000	Holdens Tech	145	...	6.0	4.1	...
10.1m	Honeysuckle Gp	125	●-1	7.5	6.0	8.9
17.7m	Hornby	221	-3	5.3	2.4	15.3
8,856,000	HPC Group	133	-4	4.4	3.3	14.9
36.6m	Hughes Food	50	-1	2.0	4.0	9.8
24.8m	Hughes (HT)	134	-2	3.1	2.3	30.5
5,998,000	Hundred Elec	20	...	...	...	...
5,928,000	Hundleigh Tech	70	+2	...	...	90.9
3,597,000	INSTEM	80	●-2	3.3	4.1	16.5
1,272,000	Image Storage	60	...	...	...	...
6,152,000	Inmic	5½	...	...	...	...
36.7m	Inoco	28½	+2	...	...	77.0
5,720,000	Interscope Tech	110	-5	8.5	7.7	12.2
45.1m	Interlink Express	278	-4	5.2	3.8	12.4
5,625,000	Int Media	17½	-½	...	...	...
16.7m	Israel (Jack L)	20	-1	0.9	4.0	17.2
11.4m	JMD Group	44	-4	...	...	...
34.4m	Jacques Vert	375	-2	11.3	3.0	13.4
2,000,000	Jetsams	14	-1	...	...	...
14.0m	Johnson Fry	103	-5	3.7	3.6	13.5
11.0m	Johnstones Paints	105	-4	6.4	6.1	9.4
13.3m	KBS Elec	285	-20	5.3	4.0	13.9
5,475,000	Kept Rubber	78	-3	3.0	4.1	11.2
36.5m	Kenyon Secs	163	...	9.0	5.5	14.9
12.0m	Kewill Systems	262	...	2.5	1.4	15.6
6,857,000	Kiark-Teknik	43	●...	1.7	4.0	11.0
10.7m	Knobs & Knockers	129	-1	2.7	2.1	17.6
40.6m	Kynoch	417	-1	7.4	3.4	16.5
5,954,000	LPA Ind	67	-1	3.0	5.0	11.7
6,500,000	Lawrence Thomson	98	-2	5.0	5.8	9.0
6,671,000	Lambert	118	-1	11.3	9.8	4.3
22.4m	LSAS Plc	185	-2	2.3	1.2	18.3
20.2m	Lewmar	35	-1	3.8	4.2	10.5
11.4m	Linrat	170	-5	2.8	2.5	16.8
6,775,000	Lincoln Hse	7	...	...	...	...
11.9m	Lodge Cans	174	-23	3.7	2.1	20.9
9,528,000	Lon & Clydesde	195	...	7.2	3.7	12.2
167.0m	Lon Pontelling	167	...	6.8	4.3	9.8
4,359,000	Lysander Pet	17	-1	...	...	41.5
7,898,000	M5 Cash & Carry	94	-4	3.2	3.4	13.6
17.0m	M&F Comp	195	●+2	2.3	1.2	14.3
14.7m	MTL Instruments	96	...	2.7	2.1	13.1
13.1m	McLaughlin & Har	222	+12	11.3	5.1	15.4
13.0m	Magnetic Materials	73	-3	2.3	5.9	44.5
6,180,000	Mainmet	125	-5	2.5	2.0	18.0
11.0m	March Gp	74	-3	2.1	2.8	8.0
54.2m	Marine Dev	393	-22	1.3	0.4	...
2,050,000	Maxgrind	19	...	...	...	...
13.8m	Maynard	118	-2	4.8	6.7	8.9
8,511,000	Memory Comp	17	-1	...	...	...
1,431,000	Memcom Int'l Hldgs	11	-4	...	...	...
31.4m	Mercia Sweet	285	+15	5.3	1.9	18.1
20.9m	Merchant Ment Est	78	-4	4.0	5.3	8.3
17.8m	Merrydown Wine	375	-4	7.1	1.9	18.8
11.7m	Metal Bulletin	133	...	6.7	5.0	16.0†

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17.0m	Metsec	133	● ...	4.6	3.5	13.1
13.8m	Microlec	136	...	3.9a	2.9	15.6
32.5m	Microsystems	232	...	4.0	1.7	10.6
12.4m	Microvec	46	-2	2.3	5.0	13.9
8,764,000	Midland Brown	125	...	4.4	3.5	10.4
26.8m	Miss World	433	●...	10.7	2.5	18.5
45.1m	Meye	338	...	4.3	1.3	22.3
11.7m	Molinare Visions	83	...	...	...	91.5
18.4m	Monks & Crane	68	-2	2.3	4.7	11.9
8,187,000	Moorgate	98	-2	2.4	2.5	11.9
8,004,000	Morris Ashby	39	-2	0.5	6.4	12.5
19.0m	Mowtal	41	-1	0.5	1.5	22.2
8,044,000	Musgrin	118	...	4.0	3.4	13.6
20.4m	New England Props	39½	...	...	...	19.3
280,000	Do 10%	135	...	10.0	10.5	...
42.0m	Norfolk House	175	...	2.0	1.1	...
2,772,000	Norban	40	-½	0.8	2.3	...
37.9m	Nth Sea & Gen	43	-5	0.7	1.6	17.1
8,337,000	Northumbrian Fine	91	-7	2.7	3.0	13.3
5,414,000	OIS	76	...	...	...	...
2,800,000	Optoelectics	135	-1	...	...	...
7,012,000	Orchid Tech	135	...	...	...	...
16.5m	Osborne & Little	236	...	...	...	...
6,433,000	PCT	145	-15	5.7	3.9	17.2
17.5m	PHL	46	-5	1.7e	4.3	11.0
3,952,000	Pacer Systems	82	...	...	...	...
28.0m	Pacific Sales	230	...	2.0	1.3	34.5
54.7m	Parkway	268	-28	8.0	1.5	18.9
4,287,000	Pathfinders	18	...	0.4	2.2	16.2
2,547,000	Pearon	94	...	...	...	...
16.2m	Pegasus	301	+1	16.0	3.3	12.5
75.3m	Pipe Group	368	...	6.0	1.6	14.3
2,400,000	Pertom	92	...	...	...	16.0
51.1m	Perkins Foods	190	+5	2.5	3.3	21.5
9,045,000	Personal Computer	199	●+6	4.8	2.7	19.1
14.5m	Peters (Michael)	111	●...	4.9	4.4	7.9
949.0m	Petfre	774	+6	25	3.3	21.5
13.4m	Picadilly Radio	188	-22	4.3	2.6	22.8
25.2m	Pict Pet	107	...	...	...	...
5,708,000	Plasmec	126	+2	4.4	3.5	17.7
2,940,000	Plexus	95	...	...	...	...
31.5m	Plum Hldgs	282	●-6	6.5	2.5	17.3
14.5m	Polynesch Marine	162	...	3.7	2.3	20.0
5,606,000	Prism Leisure	141	-2	6.0	4.3	11.2
27.5m	Psion	351	...	2.5	1.4	...
15.2m	Property Trust	2	...	...	...	...
18.2m	Prospedave	63	-1	1.3	2.1	20.4
13.1m	Quarto	136	-5	3.5	4.0	13.0
9,172,000	Questel	205	+50	7.2	3.5	10.0
44.2m	RHP	118	...	3.5	3.0	22.4
7,095,000	Radio City 'A'	231	-15	5.0e	2.2	12.8
14.4m	Radio Clyde	247	-16	7.7	3.1	14.7
35.7m	Radnor	151	...	3.0	2.0	21.2
4,842,000	Rasnco Oil	24	-1	...	...	...
6,201,000	Ramus	140	●-1	...	...	41.5
715.5m	Readicoverth	207	+2	3.3	1.6	59.9
13.3m	Rathbone Bros	288	...	6.7	3.2	15.2
5,110,000	Real Time Control	73	-3	2.7	3.7	19.8
7,330,000	Regina Health	35	...	0.7	1.6	17.8
14.5m	Reliance Sec	141	-6	6.3	4.5	13.1
3,189,000	Reliant Motor	38	-5	...	...	14.6
14.5m	Rins	121	-5	...	...	...
9,541,000	Resort Hotels	29	...	0.6n	3.0	13.4
22.7m	Rockwood	185	-3	6.5	6.5	14.4
4,293,000	Rolfe & Nolan	158	-3	5.3	3.3	12.9
15.3m	Rotaprint	115	-1	2.7	2.6	19.3
6,077,000	Rural Planning	95	...	...	...	...
16.8m	SAC	192	-6	5.3	5.8	9.3
6,851,000	SBP Ind	87	●+1	0.9p	3.3	8.7
4,360,000	SPS Consultancy	82	-2	3.0	2.5	13.3
7,121,000	Sanders Sidney	153	-2	8.0	5.2	14.2

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
14.2m	Sanderson Elect	170	+23	4.0	2.4	12.5
62.2m	Savage	176	●-8	4.0	2.3	13.1
71.7m	Scot Heritable	191	-1	7.3	4.0	15.0
10.9m	Sec Archives	175	-5	9.4	3.7	17.4
41.3m	Select App	200	-4	3.8	1.8	21.6
1,715,000	SelecTV	12½	+½	...	...	...
41.5m	Semi Cowells	170	-4	5.3	3.1	15.7
9,120,000	Severfield-Reeve	96	...	2.0	2.1	...
25.2m	Sharp & Law	145	●-5	4.2	2.9	14.8
3,963,000	Sheldon Jones	77	...	0.2	0.1	12.6
3,150,000	Shelton (Marsh)	53	-2	2.4	4.7	11.9
7,855,000	Sherwood Comp	153	-10	6.0	3.9	6.9
52.1m	Sherwood Group	405	●-1	6.0	1.5	15.7
3,651,000	Shorco	149	...	5.3	3.6	13.9
69.3m	Sims Food	335	...	6.0	1.8	20.7
6,000,000	Soundtracks	135	-1	2.5	2.2	13.5
73.4m	Slim Bus	343	...	6.8	2.0	18.0
7,550,000	Slw Resources	14	...	4.0	1.0	20.4
40.6m	Spandex	385	-5	...	...	16.2
9,916,000	Specialeyes	66	-1	...	...	24.8
5,368,000	Spectrum	95	-7	4.6	5.1	7.3
7,947,000	Spica	66	-7	2.7	4.8	22.8
8,144,000	Splash	58	...	6.9	5.8	...
5,810,000	Stainless Metal	108	-4	6.9	5.8	...
18.9m	Stanlo Exhib	42	-4	2.4	1.0	23.1
358.2m	Stanhope Props	216	...	6.1	...	20.0
20.5m	Stanley Pub	105	-5	4.4	4.2	14.1
22.9m	Sunleigh Elect	61	-3	2.0	3.3	8.7
5,781,000	Sunsell & Vere	125	-1	...	...	...
18.9m	Sutherland	68	-6	2.2	3.2	27.3
8,891,000	Symapse Comp	255	●...	4.5	1.6	11.9
5,940,000	TDS Circuits	66	...	3.2	1.7	18.3
12.7m	TMD Advert	187	...	6.8	4.3	9.5
23.2m	TSB Chan Islands	158	-5	6.7	4.4	10.0
98.5m	TV-AM	151	-5	6.7	4.4	19.2
18.1m	Task Force	221	-1	4.1	1.9	21.5
5,817,000	Telecomputing	116	...	2.0	1.7	9.7
10.7m	Thornton GW	170	-5	4.2	2.5	13.8
3,445,000	Thorpac	98	...	5.3	5.4	10.5
7,056,000	Thrasy (Ekza)	98	...	2.3	2.6	...
10.5m	Tron	95	-5	1.0	1.0	10.8
5,700,000	Total Systems	57	...	1.3	1.7	16.9
7,500,000	Transrab Hldgs	75	...	...	...	...
79.4m	Trimnock	356	...	5.4	1.7	13.6
79.4m	Tranchenwood	316	-6	10.0	4.4	8.6
8,820,000	Thrwen Hldgs	93	...	...	...	...
36.7m	Tricos	277	-1	9.4	1.5	29.2
12.5m	Tubular Exhib	136	...	6.4	5.0	11.4
3,343,000	Tudor	139	●...	5.3	4.5	9.9
10.7m	UCL Group	118	+2	...	...	...
3,753,000	URS Int	110	...	1.2e	0.3	63.1
29.6m	UTC Group	190	+4	12.0	6.3	12.1
78.3m	Ust Friendly	503	+10	35.0	6.9	7.0
8,031,000	Usher (Frank)	118	-2	8.0	6.8	12.0
7,461,000	Vango Tape Rec	108	-4	3.3	3.1	15.5
4,534,000	WSP Hldgs	70	...	2.1	3.0	...
10.5m	Wardell Roberts	73	...	...	...	...
7,087,000	Welpac	40	-1	2.3	5.8	10.7
1,743,000	Wentworth	116	-6	3.7	4.8	14.5
6,278,000	Whinney Mackay	118	-5	6.7	5.6	36.9
10.5m	Wilson (Rex) Hldgs	108	-4	6.3	5.8	...
6,010,000	Wood John D & Co	42	-5	2.4	5.7	7.3
14.2m	Woodcote Secs	142	●-5	6.4	4.5	23.8
9,922,000	Wid of Lesther	192	-3	4.8	2.5	16.9
12.3m	Wyevale	205	-5	4.8	2.3	21.3
13.7m	Wyko	78	-4	3.7	4.7	12.6
3,842,000	Yelverton	33	...	...	...	30.0
31.9m	York Tst Gp	85	-2	2.7	3.2	49.2
16.7m	Young Group	186	...	6.7	3.6	16.5
216.7m	Zurich Group	46	-1	2.7	5.9	56.0
17.8m	Zygal Dynamics	119	-1	2.7	2.3	16.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
409.7m	Alliance	611	-13	37.7	4.6	29.1
109.9m	Amer Trust	125½	-2½	4.7	3.8	27.5
237.5m	Ang & O'seas	208	-5	9.1	3.5	47.1
107.6m	Atlantic	99½	●-1	2.3p

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TEMPUS

Predator Bond playing a cat and mouse game with Allied-Lyons

Three factors might suggest Mr Alan Bond is fast losing interest in bidding for Allied-Lyons.

First, Allied looks far too expensive for the Bond Corporation to take on, even given the levels of gearing that the bankers seem prepared to tolerate. Mr Bond is liquidating many assets, but not enough to pay for Allied. He does not *have* enough assets to pay for Allied.

Second, the Office of Fair Trading has indicated, through its reference of the Elders IXL bid for Scottish & Newcastle to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, that bids for the big brewers will be put into limbo until the report of the MMC inquiry into the tied-house system is published. This will not be until February at the earliest.

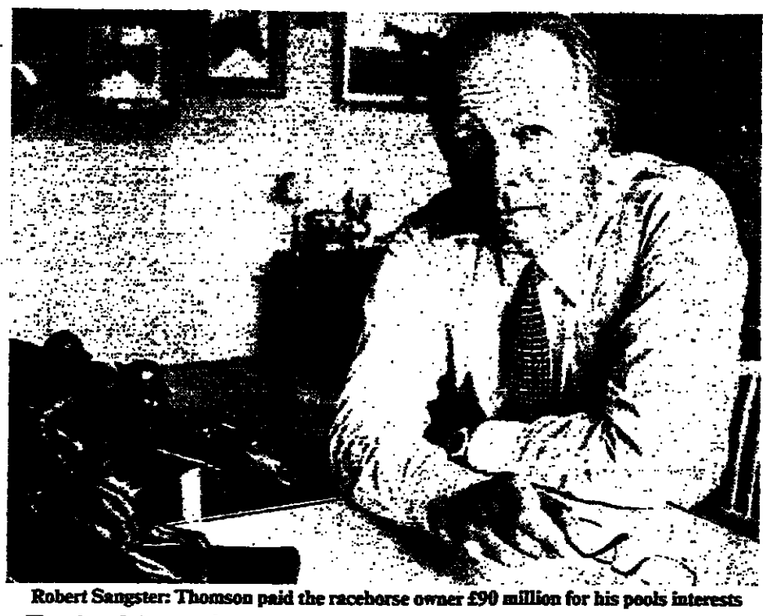
Third, his attention has been taken by Lonrho, which would command a price of about one-third of that which would stand any chance of winning Allied.

Guessing Mr Bond's final game-plan, if indeed he has a game-plan, is a little like trying to see round corners, and the whole Lonrho episode may be no more than an elaborate charade designed to weaken the Allied share price ahead of a bid and allow him to liquidate assets with few questions asked.

But the market is beginning to suspect that Mr Bond is now more likely to be a seller of his 11 per cent Allied stake than a buyer for the whole company. Despite this, the share price had, until Friday's bloodbath, been holding up remarkably well. The shares were right up to their pre-crash level and, as the speculative element subsides, they will have to stand or fall on their fundamental attractions.

Interim figures are due tomorrow, and BZW's estimate of £225 million before tax is unlikely to be far off the mark, setting the group on target for its first half-billion profit for the full year to March 1989 and putting the shares at 459p on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 10.5.

That is not over-expensive, given that Allied should be able to grind out earnings increases of at least 12 per cent annually for as far as the eye can see, while there is scope to raise the dividend.



Robert Sangster: Thomson paid the racehorse owner £90 million for his pools interests

That alone does not make a case for an immediate purchase, especially in present markets, but it gives a comfort factor which few other "take-over stocks" can match.

The shares have little downside even if Mr Bond withdraws . . . and if he bids, he will be laughed out of the City at anything below 750p.

Thomson T-Line

Luckless holders of Thomson T-Line shares must be praying for some good news — and soon. Ever since their company tied the knot with Mr Robert Sangster, the leading racehorse owner, paying £90 million for his Vernons football pools interests, T-Line shares have been on the slide.

Even the opportunistic bid for Mr David Abell's engineering group, Suter, at what appears to be a reasonable price, has made no impact. Indeed, since the Suter deal was sealed, the downward progress of T-Line shares has, if anything, gathered pace.

On Friday they closed at 54p, just half the level at which they stood before the Vernons purchase was confirmed in February.

The market's unease over the deal is plain to see in Suter shares, too. When it was announced, the complex package of cash, ordinary shares, convertible preference stock and a a 5p-per-share dividend sweetener valued Suter at 254p per share. The current value is closer to 242p per Suter share. Yet the market is not convinced the deal is home and dry, since Suter shares closed last Friday at 215p.

For Mr Hugo Biermann and Mr Julian Askin, the City's mood of scepticism is the toughest test they have faced since they began the transformation of Thomson T-Line from a loss-making timber merchant into a manufacturing and distribution-based conglomerate.

The rationale behind Vernons was that it should first respond to tighter financial controls, and then fulfil the role of a cash cow.

The largest of a number of worries lies in the massive borrowings which have to be shouldered by the combined group. These initially stack up to about £110 million, or roughly three times the combined group's net assets. Messrs Biermann and Askin have well-laid plans for disposals to whittle this down speedily and are convinced that borrowings will be relatively light within 12 months.

The market's second area of concern is that the purchase of Suter, a company far larger than T-line, and a deal which involves a substantial issue of new equity, came before the management team had time to show its paces to investors.

According to analyst estimates, Suter and T-Line combined might produce profits of £62 million in the current year. This means that the shares are rated at about seven times expected earnings. Clearly they are by no means potent takeover currency. Fans of T-Line's guiding lights will see Suter's depressed shares as a cheap way in. Most observers, though, need more detail of the de-gearing exercise before they are likely to be convinced.

Wytch Farm

The market has been concentrating so hard on the falling oil price that it has forgotten how to react to news of a new oil discovery.

The latest find close to the Wytch Farm oilfield in Dorset is particularly interesting in that it establishes the region's oil-bearing potential offshore to the east in the direction of Bournemouth. Early estimates indicate it could add 75 million barrels to proven reserves of 275 million.

As presently delineated, Wytch Farm is predominately onshore, extending as far east as Furzey Island in Poole Harbour. However, precisely one year ago, a well was drilled offshore, eight miles to the east of Furzey Island and two miles south of Bournemouth on block 98/7. This well revealed oil at the same depth as Wytch Farm.

To determine whether Wytch Farm extended all the way eight miles offshore, BP, the operator, planned two further wells. Last week, the first of these wells, situated between the shore and 98/7, struck oil.

Further drilling is planned but it seems clear that there are significant additional reserves on the two offshore blocks adjacent to Wytch Farm, 98/7 and 93/6.

Putting a value on the reserves is rather more difficult. Last week Goal Petroleum, one of the Wytch Farm partners, bought an interest in Magnus for $4 a barrel. However, since Wytch Farm is partly onshore and partly in shallow water, its oil is much cheaper to produce than the deep-water Magnus field.

However, there are environmental problems in this area, and Wytch Farm production is limited to 60,000 barrels a day by the capacity of the handling facilities. This means that additional oil will not be produced until later in the 1990s.

Nevertheless, the values of all the Wytch Farm partners — BP, Goal, Premier Consolidated, Arco and Carless — are enhanced by this find.

It is particularly relevant to Carless, which has a 7.5 per cent interest in the field and is fighting a hostile £212 million takeover bid from Kelt Energy. The new find can only enhance the £86.6 million value placed on Carless's oil assets by ERC, the petroleum consultant in Carless's defence document.

If nothing else, by drawing attention to the considerable attractions of this area, the discovery may just be enough to tempt in a higher bidder. There was evidence of stake building in Carless shares last week.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Sterling holds key to outlook for inflation

Friday's trade figures were a shocker. But it was not the record deficit itself which prompted another one-point rise in interest rates. The key is sterling.

The outlook for inflation depends a great deal on the pound. In an open economy like Britain's the exchange rate is the fastest and most potent mechanism for transmitting inflationary pressures through the economy. The Government cannot afford any fall in the pound. It may now be aiming positively to tighten the squeeze by pushing the exchange rate a bit higher.

That was certainly the initial effect of the latest rise in base rates. When the trade figures were announced sterling fell by almost a cent against the dollar and 1½ pfennigs against the mark. After the rise in interest rates it more than recovered to close higher on the day.

The Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, is evidently eager to harden employers, who are for the most part stuffed with cash, against conceding over-generous pay increases. Last week he again emphasized that he would not allow the pound to be devalued to bail out companies that had agreed to pay their employees too much. Senior Treasury officials are visiting household name companies to warn them against any belief that sterling is likely to fall. The impression they are leaving is that the reverse is more likely.

In the short term the Government will need to allow the pound to rise, if only to offset the effect on the retail price index of the rise in mortgage rates, which is likely to follow from 13 per cent base rates. Another boost to the inflation index most closely watched by pay bargainers will make it still more difficult to hold down pay increases.

The higher interest rates and the pound rise the greater the risk the Government is running of a "hard landing", in other words a recession induced by counter-inflation policy. But the Chancellor has little option but to keep interest rates at a level that will at least maintain the level of sterling and maybe raise it a little higher.

The taxing issue of NICs

The Institute for Fiscal Studies is not letting up on its long campaign to persuade the Government to integrate National Insurance Contributions with income tax more closely. Today's edition of the Institute's journal, *Fiscal Studies*, contains its latest broadside on the subject in which IFS authors Andrew Dilnot and Steven Webb make proposals to mitigate the problems both at the top and bottom of the scale.

At the bottom end they propose replacing the present method of levying NICs with an income tax-style allowance. Under the present system once earnings rise over the lower earnings limit, currently £41 a week, NICs are payable on the whole income, not just the excess over £41. This makes for very high marginal rates around the initial threshold and to a lesser extent at each of the higher thresholds as NICs climb to the standard employee rate of 9 per cent. The considerable cost of converting to an allowance would be partly offset by increasing the rate under a variety of options.

At the top end the problem is rather different. Because the upper earnings limit for employee contributions is some way below the threshold for higher rates of income tax, the marginal rate of the two taxes combined falls when earnings rise above £15,860 a year until the higher rate tax threshold is reached around £25,000, depending on the size of allowances available to the particular taxpayer.

The IFS solution is simply to reduce this gap gradually by raising the upper earnings limit for NICs each time the basic rate of income tax is cut. This would be done so as to ensure that taxpayers in between the two thresholds would not actually lose as the limit for NICs is raised.

Regrettably it seems unlikely the Chancellor will find either of these options very appealing. Although the proposals for the lower end would arguably produce a more logical structure, the countervailing increase in the rate would be a difficult policy to sell.

At the upper end, depriving taxpayers between the two thresholds — many of them good Tory voters — of the benefits of basic rate cuts twice or three times in succession sounds equally implausible.

The problem is one which is likely to increase rather than diminish. The upper earnings limit for NICs, being linked to pension entitlements, is raised in line with prices. But the higher rate threshold for income tax, taking several years together, has risen in line with earnings. The gap between the two is, therefore, likely to widen.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Fiat seeks partners for 1992

From Roger Boyes, Rome

The managing director of the Fiat group, who took personal control of the powerful car division in a boardroom coup last week, is seeking a link-up between the Italian company and either American or European car makers.

Dr Cesare Romiti, a financial strategist rather than a motor engineer, has emerged as the strongest man in Fiat, western Europe's market leader in car sales. The president of Fiat, Signor Gianni Agnelli, is still influential but Dr Romiti — aged 67 and dubbed Il Duro, the Hard Man — holds real control.

It is believed that the man he ousted, Signor Vittorio Ghidella, may go to General Motors or another US manufacturer, to spearhead European operations before 1992 and the start of the single European market.

Dr Romiti told a group of top managers at the weekend that Fiat should become more aggressive, ready to strike commercial alliances with European or North American producers in the run-up to 1992. Fiat is in a running battle with Volkswagen for supremacy in European sales and, this year, is slightly ahead thanks to the success of the Fiat Tipo.

But, Dr Romiti said, these new alliances should not be solely on the car market. The row between Signor Ghidella and Dr Romiti was about the relative importance of cars — about 60 per cent of total turnover — in the diversified Fiat group. Signor Ghidella wanted a concentration of resources into new models for the 1990s to withstand a Japanese invasion after 1992. Dr Romiti, however, wants to spread the risks of 1992 by exploiting the other holdings, such as those in communications and publishing.

Dr Romiti opposed a link-up with Ford in 1985 and is still against a merger with any of the big European car producers. But his recent statements suggest that a series of less dramatic, but commercially important, deals are in the offing. About 60 per cent of Fiat's European sales are in Italy, thanks to protective barriers against the Japanese. But from 1992 these will be dropped or reduced.

US 'will need to boost tax'

Tax increases in the US will eventually prove necessary, predict Lloyds Bank economists, to reduce the budget deficit. A $25 billion (£13.7 billion) package of small measures may be agreed to keep the 1990 deficit within Gramm-Rudman limits, the effect of which will be to reduce it to $127 billion.

Ritblat report

The report by DTI inspectors into alleged dealings by Mr John Ritblat, British Land chairman, in the shares of Peachey Property has been passed to the Crown Prosecution Service. Mr Ritblat's solicitors suggest this is because his friendship with Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, makes it inappropriate for Lord Young to deal with the matter personally.

Effects of BET's acquisitions put City experts in a quandary

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TODAY

Analysts have been scratching their heads about the BET interim figures to end-September, unsure of the effect of the multitude of acquisitions the group has been making, some so small they were not even announced. Best estimates are £112 million to £115 million, with Mr Charles Pick, an analyst at Nomura, looking for the top figure. Last time, BET made £92.1 million before tax.

He expects the profit rise to be fuelled by the scaffolding and plant-hire side, which has seen the bulk of the purchases and a buoyant construction industry as its customer base. Financing charges should be down as BET will have the benefit of the £151 million sale of Rediffusion Simulation to Hughes Aircraft in May.

Interims: Anglo United, BET, Bromsgrove Industries, Chamberlin & Hill, Hewetson, NSM, Property Partnerships, Sanders & Sidney, Union Square, Vibroplant, Wiggins Group.

Finals: Bett Brothers, Circaprint Holdings, Johnson & Firth Brown, Lyons Irish Holdings, Sheraton Securities International.

TOMORROW

Chloride Group, the battery maker from which Sir Michael Edwardes last month announced his long-expected departure from the chairman's seat, reports interim figures. These have been put back from their initial date of November 19, prompting speculation that they might now be timed to coincide with news of his successor.

Mr Bob Girdlestone, an analyst at Hoare Govett, is looking for £7.5 million in the less-important half to end-September, up from £6.2 million. Chloride has recently been lessening its dependence on the European car industry and looking for more specialist markets such as standby power supplies.

The City will be looking for some recovery after full-year figures which were hit by the mild winter, which dampened sales of car batteries.

Dawson International, the Edinburgh knitwear manufacturer which owns the Pringle brand, is expected to report static pre-tax profits of £19 million in the half-year to September. Dawson is suffering from strong raw material prices, unfavourable fashion trends and adverse exchange rate movements.



Alun-Jones: shares re-rated



Edwardes: successor and interims may be unveiled together

If the interim figures do prove uninspiring, shareholders will, no doubt, be hoping that takeover speculation returns to revive the share price.

Interims: Allied-Lyons, Caledonia Investments, Chamberlain Phipps, Chloride Group, Dawson International, Hambros PLC, International Communication and Data, London Securities, Premier Consolidated Oilfields, Readicut International, Robertson Group.

Finals: Amber Day Holdings, Consolidated Co Bultfontein Mine, Fairline Boats, Griqualand West Diamond Mining, Irish Wire Products, North America Trust, TMD Advertising Holdings.

WEDNESDAY

Kwik Save, the food retailing group in which Dairy Farm has a 25 per cent stake it has agreed not to increase before next April, reports annual results. Analysts at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, forecast pre-tax profits of £55.5 million compared with £46.6 million.

They believe the figures will show how well Kwik Save has recovered from the drivers' strike which depressed sales by £10 million in the second half of 1986-87. A strong like-for-like sales growth performance is expected and operating profit margins should be firm, reflecting initial benefits from scanning and from the more cost-effective terms it negotiated with its drivers.

Interims: Bassett Foods, Chemoxy International, Dominion International Group, HPC Group, Mountview Estates, Porter Chadburn, Rolfe & Nolan Computer Services, Rowlinson Securities, Royal Trust Government Securities Fund, Scottish & Mercantile Investment Trust, Shanks & McEwan, Siebe, Southwest Resources, Verson International Group.

Finals: Kwik Save Group, TSB Channel Islands.

THURSDAY

BPB Industries, the plasterboard manufacturer, will be the latest in the building materials sector to benefit from the construction boom. Fuelled by a 25 per cent profits rise in Britain, where plasterboard volumes have risen by 15 per cent over the past year — and are rising still — pre-tax profits should top £105 million against £90.9 million, in the six months to end-September, believes Mr Jamie Stevenson at Kleinwort Benson Securities.

Holding the figures back will be a poor performance in Canada, where sales have been hit by difficult conditions in the housing market in the north-eastern US.

Shares of **Ferranti International Signal**, the electronics group where Sir Derek Alun-Jones is in the chair, have undergone a re-rating since the recent joint GEC-Siemens bid for Plessey. Shareholders will be looking for a good set of interim figures to keep up the momentum.

However, Chase Manhattan Securities, the broker, recently advised clients to sell Ferranti on the assumption that the half-year figures are likely to disappoint. They forecast a modest 8 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £40 million.

Last week's Dutch bid for Hammerson focused attention on property Miss Judith Huntley at Kleinwort Benson Securities believes MEPC, the second biggest company in the sector, will see pre-tax profits of £100 million, up from £80.2 million.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group will announce full-year figures to end-September. The banking team at Barclays de Zoete Wedd is expecting £285 million pre-tax, up from £197.2 million.

Tate & Lyle, the sugar refiner which has this year diversified into alternative sweeteners and food products alongside its better-known cane interests, is expected to report a rise in annual pre-tax profits from last year's £92 million to about £115 million.

Interims: Baker Harris Saunders, BPB Industries, Castings, Erskine House Group, Ferranti International Signal, Finlan Group, Jarvis Porter Group, Monks & Crane, United Industries.

Finals: Ashley Group, Buffelsfontein Gold Mining, PJ Carroll, Grootvlei Proprietary Mines, MEPC, Royal Bank of Scotland, St Helena Gold Mines, Sidlaw Group, Stilfontein Gold Mining, Tate & Lyle, West Rand Consolidated Mines.

FRIDAY

Interims: Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, Marling Industries.

Finals: Bank of Nova Scotia.

Martin Waller and Geoffrey Foster

Mismatch of the day

David Murray, aged 36, the Scottish entrepreneur who bought 75 per cent of Rangers football club last week for £6.5 million, may be unaware of the potentially difficult group of minority shareholders he acquired along with the team. For, after a good lunch just before the crash last year, several James Capel salesmen discovered that a few hundred shares in the Glasgow club were on offer at £10 each. Even Arthur Gordon, an ardent Celtic fan and one of their number, seized the unusual buying opportunity and the group, as it were, filled its boots. They had virtually forgotten about their holding until last Friday, when they saw their stake had suddenly become one of the more profitable parts of the equity market. But now they say they are hopping mad about what they claim is the lack of consultation over the sale — Murray bought many of the shares from Lawrence Marlborough, a fellow Scot now living in Nevada who decided he was too far away to handle the club any more. Now the Capel group is threatening a leveraged buyout and a host of representations to the Office of Fair Trading for a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. This, they tease, would be on the grounds that Murray's purchase means that he now owns two of the country's top basketball teams, Murray International and Kingston — which Rangers bought about a year ago.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The spirit of Geldof

Some people, when floating their companies on the stock market, fall in love with the City. Others hate it. Most, however, just find it a bore and experience difficulty in maintaining concentration as the long nights with lawyers and accountants seem to ruin into each other. However, not many could outdo Colin Howell — who seeks a quote for his Bostrom truck seat business this week — for succinctness. A colleague who was lunching with him last week discovered he had not brought any paper for note-taking. When he asked Howell if he had any, the Bostrom chief produced a writing pad. "I brought this to jot down some notes for this afternoon's presentation to the institutions," Howell confided. The pad bore just four words: "Give us your money."

New branches

Even the City has been caught up in the green revolution. Last week, National Westminster Bank donated a princely £3 million to the World Wildlife Fund. Now Lloyd's of London, the international insurance market, has revealed a hitherto unsuspected interest in trees. It grandly announced last Friday that "trees will be planted in Colchester and Rochester", as part of its contribution to righting the damage wrought by last year's hurricane. As a result, a total of 20 London plane trees will be planted at The Vines, Rochester, Kent. The first will be put in the ground tomorrow — National Tree Week starts today — by Mr Murray Lawrence, the versatile chairman of Lloyd's. This horticultural bonanza will be followed by the planting of five more trees in Colchester, Essex. The whole exercise will be topped off by the placing of three ornamental thorn bushes on the lower terrace of the Lloyd's office in Chatham. Insurance market analysts calculate that, at this pace, Lloyd's could replace the trees by 2500.



"Either the Porsche or the stress counsellor will have to go."

Cashpoint flashpoint

Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank, is likely to be deluged with letters from furious residents of Tunbridge Wells, Kent. The townsfolk are up in arms over the bank's decision to close down Hall's, the antiquarian and second-hand bookshop which has been in the town's Chapel Place for 50 years. As the freeholder, Lloyds wants to take over the shop, owned by Sabrina Izzard, and use it for additional offices and a cashpoint for one of its three branches in the town. Miss Izzard was notified that her lease, due to expire on December 31, would not be renewed, although the deadline for her evacuation — together with her 20,000 books — has now been extended to March 31 1989. "I cannot afford to move to new premises and rebuild all that wooden shelving," she says. "And, in any case, why should people who want to buy antiquarian books get a cashpoint instead?" Lloyds transferred the lease to Miss Izzard for nothing when she bought the shop, the only second-hand bookseller in Tunbridge Wells, five years ago. And last year it invited offers in excess of £95,000 for the freehold. Miss Izzard says she offered £96,000, but the bank said it had changed its mind. "What is the point of Lloyds' sponsorship of the arts when they close down a shop like mine?" she asks. Lloyds says: "We have a special responsibility to the local business community, our customers and our staff."

Rosemary Unsworth

British Steel plc

Offer for Sale
by
Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited
on behalf of
The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

Under the Offer for Sale in the UK and separate offerings in the US, Canada, Japan and continental Europe
2,000,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 50p each are being offered at
125p per Share of which 60p is payable now and 65p is payable by 26 September 1989.

The following information is to be read in conjunction with the full prospectus dated 23 November 1988, which alone comprises approved listing particulars relating to British Steel. Expressions defined in the full prospectus have the same meanings herein. The full prospectus has also been published in the *Financial Times* and *The Daily Telegraph* on Friday, 25 November 1988. In addition, copies of the full prospectus are available as described below. You are advised to read the full prospectus before completing and returning an application form. If you need advice, you should consult your bank manager, stockbroker or other financial adviser.

APPLICATIONS

Applications must be received by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 2 December 1988. In applying for Shares you will be treated as applying on the basis both of the full prospectus and of "Terms and Conditions of Application" set out below, which together govern your rights and obligations.

Only one application may be made for the benefit of any person, except for: (a) any other application which you are entitled to make as an employee of British Steel on a blue application form for the Free and Matching Offers for employees; or (b) an application made for your benefit, without your knowledge, by a Personal Equity Plan Manager. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising or causing an application to be made in breach of this rule.

Multiple applications, or those appearing to be, or suspected of being, multiple applications, are liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Secretary of State. Under "Terms and Conditions of Application", applicants can be required to provide details of any persons for whose benefit they have applied.

Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

Your attention is drawn to "Terms and Conditions of Application" and in particular to paragraph 3(k), which excludes liability for information not in the full prospectus or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the Offer for Sale.

Before completing an application form, you should read carefully the accompanying guide to completing it.

APPLICATIONS FROM OUTSIDE THE UK

No person receiving a copy of the full prospectus and/or an application form in any territory other than the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such application form, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation and offer could lawfully be made to him without compliance with any unfulfilled registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man or subject to the laws of any overseas jurisdiction, who receives a copy of the full prospectus and/or an application form and who wants to make an application, to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consents and compliance with other necessary formalities, and to pay any transfer or other taxes or duties required to be paid in such territory in respect of the Shares acquired by him under the Combined Offer.

US OR CANADIAN PERSONS

No application may be made or will be accepted on any public application form from or on behalf of a US or Canadian person. A 'US or Canadian person' means any individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States of America (including the states and the District of Columbia) or its territories or possessions or other areas subject to its jurisdiction ('US') or a resident of Canada or any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the US or Canada and any estate or trust the income of which is subject to US or Canadian federal income taxation regardless of its source. A US or Canadian person shall include: (i) in the case of any such corporation or firm any branch thereof outside the US or Canada; (ii) any investment fund, estate or trust organised under or governed by the laws of the US or Canada or any political sub-division thereof, including any fund managed on a discretionary basis outside the US or Canada by such a US or Canadian person; and (iii) any US or Canadian branch of any corporation or firm established or incorporated outside the US or Canada, as the case may be, but, notwithstanding the foregoing, a Canadian person shall not include any branch of a Canadian person outside Canada in connection with the management by such Canadian person of funds of any individual resident outside Canada or any corporation, firm, pension, profit sharing or investment fund, estate or other trust or other entity organised under or governed by the laws of a jurisdiction other than Canada or any political sub-division thereof.

ALLOCATIONS AND DEALINGS

The basis of allocation of the Shares is expected to be announced by 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 5 December 1988. If your application is successful, in whole or in part, a renounceable letter of acceptance for the Shares allocated to you is expected to be despatched to you on 12 December 1988. If there is heavy demand for the Shares, you may receive fewer Shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all. If your application is not accepted, all money paid on application will be returned (without interest). If your application is accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application.

The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, or scale down, any application. No allocation or allocations in excess of 15% of the Shares being offered under the Combined Offer will be made to any one person or group of persons acting in concert.

Dealings are expected to commence in London at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 5 December 1988. Applicants who deal before receipt of a letter of acceptance will do so at their own risk.

PAYMENT

The right is reserved to present for payment all cheques and bankers' drafts on receipt, but this will be avoided so far as practicable in respect of applications for which it is not expected to make an allocation, unless they are, or appear to be, or are suspected of being, multiple applications. It is a condition of the Offer for Sale that all cheques must be honoured on first presentation and no interest will be paid on any moneys held on behalf of the Secretary of State.

INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Offer Price is 125p per Share, of which 60p is payable on application and 65p by 3.00 p.m. on 26 September 1989. The price of Shares taken up by eligible employees under the Matching Offer is payable in full on application.

Until payment of the final instalment, the Shares sold on instalment terms will be registered, pursuant to an Instalment Agreement, in the name of Lloyds Bank Plc as the Custodian Bank. In the first instance entitlements will be evidenced by renounceable letters of acceptance, which will be superseded in due course by Interim Certificates issued by Lloyds Bank Plc.

You will be sent a reminder (call notice) in advance of the date when the final instalment becomes payable. At the time the call notice for the final instalment is sent (it is due to be sent on 1 September 1989), you will also be sent an Interim Certificate to replace the temporary document of title (a letter of acceptance or initial Interim Certificate) despatched following the Offer for Sale. After payment of the final instalment (due by 26 September 1989) entitlements to Shares will be evidenced by receipted Interim Certificates or Fully Paid Interim Certificates and you will be sent your definitive share certificate shortly after that date.

The call notice and Interim Certificate will be sent to your address on the Register. You should therefore promptly notify any change of address, following the instructions set out on the letters of acceptance and on the Interim Certificates.

If you sell your entitlement to Shares before the final instalment has been paid in respect of them, the purchaser will become liable for the final instalment once the renunciation or transfer has been registered.

If you are liable for the final instalment and you do not pay it when due, the Secretary of State may (without prejudice to his other rights) resell your Shares. If these Shares are resold, you will be sent a refund, without interest, equal to 60p per Share resold less any loss incurred by the Secretary of State determined in accordance with the Instalment Agreement. However, no payment of less than £2 will be made to you. The Secretary of State may in his discretion accept late payment, but he may do so on the basis that you pay default interest as set out in the Instalment Agreement and/or such other amount as the Secretary of State may specify.

The Instalment Agreement is summarised in the full prospectus.

AVAILABILITY OF THE PROSPECTUS

Copies of the full prospectus and of the mini prospectus may be obtained, until the Offer for Sale closes, from:

(i) all branches of Lloyds Bank Plc, main branches of National Westminster Bank PLC and Bank of Scotland and, in Northern Ireland, all branches of Bank of Ireland;

(ii) the underwriters listed at the beginning of the full prospectus; and

(iii) the brokers to the Offer and to the Company at the addresses set out below:

Brokers to the Offer
Rowe & Pitman Ltd., 1 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA.

Brokers to the Company
Phillips & Drew Securities Limited, 120 Moorgate, London EC2M 6XP.

Copies of the full prospectus may also be obtained from the registered office of the Company and from the Company Announcements Office, The Stock Exchange, 46 Finsbury Square, London EC2 until Friday, 2 December 1988.

The Council of The Stock Exchange has authorised the issue of this document under section 154 (1)(b) of the Financial Services Act 1986 without approving the contents.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

1. Acceptance of applications will be conditional on: (i) the admission of the whole of the ordinary share capital of the Company to the Official List of The Stock Exchange becoming effective by not later than 3 January 1989; and (ii) the UK Underwriting Agreement referred to in section 17 of Part XI of the full prospectus dated 23 November 1988 comprising listing particulars relating to the Company ('the Prospectus') having become unconditional and not being terminated prior to such date as the Secretary of State may determine, being not later than 5 January 1989. Application moneys will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be kept by the receiving banks appointed in respect of the Offer for Sale ('the receiving banks') in separate accounts within the receiving banks or the Bank of England. The right is reserved for the Secretary of State and his agents to present for payment and otherwise process all remittances at any time after receipt thereof and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such remittances and the processing thereof. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any application not completed in all respects in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

2. Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus have the same meanings in these terms and conditions and in the application forms, including the public application form, unless the context otherwise requires. Where these terms and conditions are inconsistent with the express terms of an application form, the terms and conditions of that application form shall prevail in relation to an application made on that form.

3. By completing and delivering an application form, you:

(a) offer to purchase from the Secretary of State the number of Shares specified in your application form (or such smaller number for which the application is accepted) and agree that you will accept such Shares as may be allocated to you, in each case on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set out in, the Prospectus, the Instalment Agreement and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and agree to become a party to, and be bound by all relevant provisions of, the Instalment Agreement;

(b) as a collateral contract between you and the Secretary of State which will become binding on posting to, or (in the case of delivery in any other manner) receipt by, a receiving bank of your application and in consideration of the Secretary of State agreeing that he will not, prior to 5 January 1989, offer any of the Shares to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus:

(i) agree that your application cannot be revoked prior to 5 January 1989; and

(ii) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation and agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment and will not bear interest;

(c) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the Offer for Sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and, for the benefit of each of the addressees of the application form, you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts;

(d) warrant that:

(i) if the application is made for your own benefit, no other application (other than any application which you are entitled to make on a blue application form) is being made for your benefit by you or by anyone applying as your agent (other than a Personal Equity Plan Manager) or, to your knowledge, by a Personal Equity Plan Manager or by any other person;

(ii) if the application is made by you as agent for, or for the benefit of, another person, no other application is being made by you (other than on a blue application form) as agent for or for the benefit of that person or, to your knowledge, by that person or by any other person;

(iii) if you sign the application form purporting to be the agent for someone else, you have due authority to do so on behalf of that other person and undertake to enclose your power of attorney or a copy thereof certified by a solicitor, where this is required by the guide to completing the application form; and

(iv) if your application, together with any other application, were accepted in full, you would not be interested (as defined in Article 46(A) of the Articles of Association of the Company) in 300,000,000 Shares (representing 15% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company) or more. If you are a party to any agreement or arrangement which could be the subject of a resolution of the Directors pursuant to Article 46(E)(i) of the Articles of Association of the Company, Article 46(E)(i) shall be deemed to apply without the necessity for a resolution of the Directors that such an agreement exists, and consequently you will be deemed, for the purposes of this warranty, to be interested in all Shares which are the subject of applications by persons who are party to such agreement;

(e) agree that, in respect of those Shares for which your application has been received and processed and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of the Secretary of State, either (i) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving bank;

(f) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank (i) to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any joint applicant(s)) is (are) placed on the register of holders of Interim Rights in respect of such Shares the entitlement to which has not been effectively renounced (and in these terms and conditions, references to rights being effectively renounced mean the renouncee(s) being registered by a receiving bank in relation to such right(s)) and (ii) thereafter, to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any joint applicant(s)) is (are) placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Shares the right to which has not been effectively transferred;

(g) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank to send a letter of acceptance for the number of Shares for which your application is accepted and/or a cheque for any money returnable by post to you at your address (or, in the case of joint applicants, the address of the first-named person) as set out in the application form and agree that all documents in connection with the Offer for Sale and/or any money returnable or refundable will be sent at your risk;

(h) (i) agree that time of payment by you shall be of the essence of each contract constituted by acceptance of your application;

(ii) agree that if your remittance in respect of the first instalment payable on any Share is not honoured on first presentation, (without prejudice to any obligations you may have under the Instalment Agreement) you will not, as against the Secretary of State, be entitled: (a) to receive a letter of acceptance in respect of that Share; (b) to become a Registered Holder in respect of that Share; or (c) to enjoy or receive any rights or distributions in respect of that Share unless and until you make payment in cleared funds in respect of that Share and such payment is accepted by the Secretary of State (which acceptance shall be in his absolute discretion and may be on the basis that you pay default interest as set out in the Instalment Agreement and/or such other amount as the Secretary of State may specify), and that at any time prior to acceptance by the Secretary of State of such late payment in respect of that Share the Secretary of State may (without prejudice to his other rights) avoid the agreement to sell that Share and may resell that Share to some other person, in which case you will not be entitled to any refund or payment in respect of that Share;

(iii) undertake to pay the final instalment by, and (in the case of any payment of £10,000 or more) for value not later than 3.00 p.m. on 26 September 1989, for each Share in respect of which your application is accepted and the rights to which has not been effectively renounced or transferred in accordance with the Instalment Agreement by you prior to that time and date; and

(iv) agree that failure to make payment of the final instalment when due on any Share will entitle the Secretary of State (without prejudice to his other rights) to avoid the agreement to sell that Share and to resell that Share to some other person, in which case you will be sent a refund, without interest, equal to 60p (subject to adjustment in the event of a capitalisation issue) per Share resold less any loss (including expenses of resale) incurred by the Secretary of State determined in accordance with the Instalment Agreement. However, no payment of less than £2 will be made to you;

(i) warrant that you are not a US or Canadian person and are not applying for the benefit of, or with a view to resale to, any such person;

(j) agree that, without prejudice to any other rights to which you may be entitled, you will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application;

(k) confirm that, in making your application, you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to or affecting British Steel or the Combined Offer or the Offer for Sale, other than information and representations contained in the Prospectus or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the Offer for Sale taken together with the Prospectus ('the prospectuses'), and accordingly you agree that no person responsible for the prospectuses, or any part thereof, shall have any liability for any such information or representation other than as aforesaid;

(l) agree that such application form is addressed to the Secretary of State, Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited, Lloyds Bank Plc and the Company and that the benefit of paragraph (k) above shall extend to the persons referred to therein;

(m) agree promptly on request to disclose in writing to the Secretary of State any information which he may request in connection with your application;

(n) agree that any letter of acceptance and application moneys in respect of any applicant suspected to be in breach of paragraph (d) above may be held (without interest) pending investigation; and

(o) agree that if this application is made on behalf of another person by his/her attorney, that other person shall also be bound by these terms and conditions.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN OF THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

Send your completed application form by post (or deliver it by hand) to arrive not later than 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 2 December 1988 at the appropriate address immediately below according to the first letter of your surname (or corporate name) inserted in Box 1.

A to G — **Bank of Scotland,**
New Issues Department,
Apex House,
9 Haddington Place,
Edinburgh EH7 4AL,
or by hand only, to:
New Issues,
38 Threadneedle Street,
London EC2P 2EH

H to O — **Lloyds Bank Plc,**
Registrar's Department,
Issue Section,
P.O. Box 1000,
11 Bishopsgate,
London EC2N 3LB

P to Z — **National Westminster Bank PLC,**
New Issues Department,
P.O. Box No. 35,
153-157 Commercial Road,
London E1 2DB,
or by hand only, to:
2 Princes Street,
London EC2P 2BD

YOU ARE ADVISED TO USE FIRST CLASS POST AND TO ALLOW AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS FOR DELIVERY.

Additional receiving centres

(open only for deliveries by hand and only until 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 2 December 1988)

Lloyds Bank Plc

Birmingham
125 Colmore Row,
Birmingham B3 3AD

Jersey
9 Broad Street,
St. Helier,
Jersey,
Channel Islands

Leeds
6/7 Park Row,
Leeds LS1 1NX

Norwich
16 Gentleman's Walk,
Norwich NR2 1LZ

Nottingham
Old Market Square,
Nottingham NG1 6FD

Southampton
19/21 High Street,
Southampton SO9 7AN

National Westminster Bank PLC

Bristol
32 Corn Street,
Bristol, Avon BS99 7UG

Cardiff
117 St. Mary Street,
Cardiff CF1 1LG

Guernsey
35 High Street,
St. Peter Port,
Guernsey,
Channel Islands

Liverpool
22 Castle Street,
Liverpool L69 2BE

Manchester
55 King Street,
Manchester M60 2DB

Plymouth
St. Andrews Cross,
Plymouth,
Devon PL4 0AE

Bank of Scotland

Aberdeen
53 Castle Street,
Aberdeen AB9 8AJ

Edinburgh
38 St. Andrew Square,
Edinburgh EH2 2YR

Glasgow
110 St. Vincent Street,
Glasgow G2 5EJ

Inverness
9 High Street,
Inverness IV1 1JB

Newcastle upon Tyne
62-68 Grey Street,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 6AF

Bank of Ireland

Belfast
54 Donegall Place,
Belfast BT1 5BX

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GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

If you have received a personalised public application form, you should complete that form.

Otherwise, please use a public application form such as that below.

REMEMBER THAT ONLY ONE PUBLIC APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON.

1 **Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use block capitals).**

Applications must not be made by anyone under 18, but a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that child. To do this, you must put your own full name in Box 1, and after your surname write 'A/C' followed by the initials of the child and the child's date of birth. This will not prevent you from making an application for your own benefit.

If you wish to apply jointly with another adult, see Note 7.

2 **Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of Shares for which you are applying. You may only apply for one of the numbers of Shares set out below. Applications for any other numbers of Shares will be rejected.**

Number of Shares you are applying for	Amount you pay now at 60p per Share	Your total investment at 125p per Share
400	£240	£500
500	£300	£625
600	£360	£750
700	£420	£875
800	£480	£1,000
900	£540	£1,125
1,000	£600	£1,250

Above 1,000 Shares, applications must be in the following denominations:

Applications	*Multiples of*
1,000 to 5,000 Shares	500 Shares
5,000 to 10,000 Shares	1,000 Shares
10,000 to 50,000 Shares	5,000 Shares
50,000 to 100,000 Shares	10,000 Shares
over 100,000 Shares	50,000 Shares

3 **Using the middle column of the table in Note 2 above, put in Box 3 (in figures) the exact amount you pay now.**

Payment is in two instalments. The final instalment of 65p per Share is payable by 3.00 p.m. on 26 September 1989. A reminder about the final instalment will be sent to your registered address before it becomes due.

4 **WARNING**

Only one public application may be made for the benefit of any person. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one public application for the benefit of any person, either solely or jointly with other persons.

5 **Read the warning in Note 4 above and the declaration in Box 4, then sign and date the form in Box 5.**

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if he/she is duly authorised to do so. An agent must enclose the original power of attorney appointing him/her (or a copy certified by a solicitor), unless he/she is a selling agent, financial intermediary or UK Clearing Bank (as referred to in section 18 of Part XI of the Prospectus) and states the capacity in which he/she signs.

A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

If you apply for the benefit of a person aged under 18, you, rather than that person, must sign the form.

6 **Pin to Box 6 a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount you have entered in Box 3. Payments must be by cheque or bankers' draft; no other methods of payment will be accepted. The cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to 'British Steel Share Offer' and crossed 'Not Negotiable'. A separate cheque or bankers' draft must accompany each application. No receipt for your payment will be issued. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand corner.**

If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your building society or a bank branch, in which case your full name and address should be written on the back of the cheque.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), in which case your full name and address should be written on the back of the cheque, but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed 'Not Negotiable A/C Payee Only' in favour of the first-named applicant.

7 **Joint applicants**

You may apply jointly with up to three other people, provided that each applicant is aged 18 or over and that no other public application is being made for your benefit or for the benefit of any of the other joint applicants. Each such person must read the warning in Note 4 and the declaration in Box 4 and complete and sign Box 7.

The application form may be signed by someone else on behalf of the joint applicant(s). Please refer to Note 5 above.

You must return your completed application form, together with your cheque or bankers' draft for the first instalment, to arrive not later than 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 2 December 1988.
See the instructions on the previous page.

Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances.

British Steel plc
PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

Before completing this form, you should read carefully the guide above.

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

See Note 1

Mr, Mrs, Miss, etc. | Surname

Forename(s) in full

Address

Postcode

For official use only
1. Acceptance no.
2. Shares allocated

2 I/We offer to purchase _____ Ordinary Shares ← PUT HERE THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU WANT TO PURCHASE

of British Steel plc ('the Company') on and subject to the terms and conditions of application set out in Part XII of the Prospectus, comprising listing particulars relating to the Company, dated 23 November 1988.

3 I/We attach a cheque/bankers' draft for the amount now payable of £_____ ← PUT HERE THE AMOUNT NOW PAYABLE

4 I have read the warning in Note 4 in the guide opposite and declare that, to my knowledge, this is the only public application made for my benefit (or that of the person(s) for whose benefit I am applying).

5 Signature _____ Date _____ 1988 ← SIGN AND DATE HERE IF YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR SHARES

6 ☐ ← Pin here your cheque/bankers' draft for the amount in Box 3, payable to 'British Steel Share Offer' and crossed 'Not Negotiable'. ← ATTACH YOUR PAYMENT FOR THE AMOUNT IN BOX 3

7 JOINT APPLICANTS

The first applicant should complete Boxes 1, 2 and 3 and sign and date Box 5. Insert below in BLOCK CAPITALS the names of the other joint applicants, who must sign in the right hand column below.

I/We join in this application and give the declaration set out in Box 4 above. ← JOINT APPLICANTS MUST SIGN HERE

Mr, Mrs, Miss, etc.	Forename(s) in full	Surname	Signature
2nd joint applicant			
3rd joint applicant			
4th joint applicant			

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Those claiming commission (or reallowance of commission) should stamp both boxes applicable to them.

Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no.
(if not registered for VAT, put 'none')	(if not registered for VAT, put 'none')
Acceptance no.	Shares accepted
Commissions calculated	

Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no.
(if not registered for VAT, put 'none')	(if not registered for VAT, put 'none')
Acceptance no.	Shares accepted
Commissions calculated	

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Where the latest rate rise hits home hardest

The rapid growth in the UK economy in the past two years has owed much to the growth of consumption, itself a result of buoyant real incomes and falling savings.

In the three years up to the first half of this year the published savings ratio has fallen by more than half, from 10 per cent to just above 4 per cent, contributing 2 per cent each year to the rise in consumption.

Current forecasts that there will be a slowdown in economic growth in the next 12 months depend on a much slower rise in consumption, and turn in part on some reversal of this rapid fall in the personal savings ratio.

If personal savings do go back up again, the consequent fall in economic growth would enable both the current account deficit to fall substantially and provide a favourable domestic background for lower inflation. There would then be little need for further action by the Government in the form of even higher bank base rates. What are the chances that the savings ratio will rebound?

A look at personal savings data shows the reason for its sharp decline has been a rapid increase in borrowing, that is negative savings.

Although the different ways to measure the level of personal savings give conflicting measures of the extent of the fall in savings, it is quite clear that the rise in borrowing has been the main, if not the entire, cause of the fall in the savings ratio.

In the first half of this year, personal borrowing — of which more than three-quarters is house mortgages — was half as much again as its level in 1984 when expressed as a proportion of personal disposable income. It rose from under 11.5 per cent to more than 17 per cent. As a consequence, debt interest payments have risen as a proportion of household income, from 5.75 per cent in 1984 to its current level of above 8 per cent.

Although this ratio has been on a rising trend for the past two decades, during which time it has more than tripled, it may now be reaching a critical level. Households now have similar amounts of variable rate borrowings and assets; as recently as 1986, they had a substantial excess of assets.

If interest rates stay at their current levels and borrowing continues at the rate of the past two years, the debt service ratio will reach almost 10 per cent next year. However, these aggregate figures conceal a large degree of diversity between households. Nearly one half of all households have no significant interest-bearing liabilities at all and, hence, a zero debt service ratio; others are very heavily indebted.

To get a fuller indication of the position of the household sector, another source of data must be sought to examine both the overall asset holdings of the household sector and the diversity within it.

Using a detailed survey of the personal sector, carried out in the first half of this year by Financial Research Services, one can see only a small group will be really squeezed by the current level of interest rates.

Serious debt service problems are likely to occur with debt service payments in excess of one third of disposable incomes. Fewer than 6 per cent of households are in this category.

However, one group looks exceptionally vulnerable. More than one-and-a-half million households took out mortgages last year, and the survey reveals that whereas only one in eight had debt service ratios of more than a third of income when mortgage rates were about 10 per cent in the first half of the year, last Friday's rise in interest rates has pushed two in five above this critical debt service ratio.

A sustained period of high interest rates will cause a rapid increase in potential failures over the next year, inducing forced sales in the spring and summer of next year, adding to the weakness of the housing market.

The effect of this, even for those whose debt service ratios have not been pushed to critical levels, will be to reduce the rate at which equity is withdrawn from the housing market.

In the past few years, the upward surge in house prices has encouraged people to realize accumulated housing wealth and to spend it, confident in the belief that further price rises will generate more wealth.

We estimate that the withdrawal of equity from the housing market through remortgages and from owner occupiers moving house was about £6 billion in 1987 and about £8 billion during the first nine months of this year, equivalent to just above 4 per cent of consumers' expenditure. With increasing signs that the housing market has turned, and the impact of forced sales still to come, this withdrawal of equity will slow dramatically.

Although only one in 25 households will have been really squeezed by the high interest rates, there will be a smaller but still significant impact on others. This together with the adverse effect on house prices will dent confidence. Personal borrowing, which has begun to grow less rapidly, will continue to slow. One important reason for the current high level of interest rates will be removed, eventually justifying the current steeply downward sloping gilt-edged yield curve.

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US NOTEBOOK

Import cuts could help balance the books

From Maxwell Newton
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There is a growing fear that the surge in US exports may be levelling off, leaving a substantial trade gap that will have to be addressed by restrictions on the growth of consumption spending.

Any solution for the US economic problem may thus need to focus much more directly on measures to arrest the flow of imports.

This thought follows the publication of the US durable goods orders figures for October, which revealed a picture of stagnating orders since June. The October level of all durable goods orders was below June's; excluding defence orders it was the same as in June. Excluding transportation, it was also the same.

The fear is that this stagnation in orders has been produced by a failure of US exports to grow. Exports rose 5 per cent between the March and June quarters, and 3 per cent in the September quarter. But imports remained frighteningly high, leading to speculation as to whether the US will ever be able to "export out" of its trade problems.

During 1987 and early 1988, as US exports surged it was fashionable to believe that the US could export its way into trade balance.

Such optimism was always rather absurd. The size of the trade problem is so immense that such a painless solution seemed quite unrealistic. A pre-condition for a partial solution to the trade problem was always zero economic growth at least, and more likely negative growth.

Fortunately, the trend of short-term interest rates suggests that there is a lock on US expansion. Mr Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, is being pushed into a corner by the rise in market yield at the short end. On August 8, the day before the discount rate was raised, the 90-day Treasury bill rate was 6.85 per cent, 85 basis points above the discount rate. Federal Funds were 7.78 per cent.

But now all that has changed. The 90-day Treasury bill rate is 8 per cent — up 115 basis points from the August 8 level. Federal Funds are at 8.3 per cent, up 60 basis points.

In other words, compared with the situation on August 8, both the Federal Funds and discount rates are too low. How long the Fed can hold out at 6½ per cent discount rate and 8⅜ per cent Funds is questionable. The trend of short-term commercial money rates points strongly to a rise in the prime rate, to 10½ per cent.

TR plans third defence in battle against C&W

By Colin Narbrough

Telephone Rentals, the business telephone systems supplier, under siege from Cable and Wireless, plans to issue a third defence document this week as it digs in for a long, hard fight.

TR last week rejected C&W's increased offer of 340p per share, which valued the company at nearly £320 million. The offer, which gives TR shareholders three alternatives, including convertible loan stock, is final, unless a rival bidder appears.

TR has made clear it wants to stay independent.

The latest offer was below City expectations, and this week's TR document will reinforce the argument that the price C&W is offering seriously undervalues the quarry.

TR will argue that C&W is still waiting for the return on the £600 million it has spent on its telephone offshoot, Mercury Communications. In this situation, TR sees C&W needing it far more than it needs C&W.

This will aim at countering the attack from Mr Gordon Owen, C&W's managing director, on TR's "dull record" and "disappointing" pre-tax profit this year.

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10	Scantronic	Electricals	
11	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	
12	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building,Roads	
13	Boddington	Breweries	
14	Leisure Inv	Leisure	
15	Elco	Industrials E-K	
16	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
17	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
18	Ricardo Eng	Industrials L-R	
19	Bunzl (za)	Paper,Print,Adv	
20	Bermid Qualcast	Industrials A-D	
21	West & Country	Property	
22	BSG	Industrials A-D	
23	Sainsbury (J) (za)	Foods	
24	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
25	Eastern Prod	Industrials E-K	
26	Renold	Industrials L-R	
27	Turriff	Building,Roads	
28	Caparo Ind	Industrials A-D	
29	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
30	Ford Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
31	Greene King	Breweries	
32	Smart (J)	Building,Roads	
33	Fll Fyffes	Foods	
34	Cannon St	Industrials A-D	
35	Delyn Packaging	Paper,Print,Adv	
36	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
37	Woodside	Newspapers,Pub	
38	Dixons Grp (za)	Drapery,Stores	
39	Zetters Gp	Leisure	
40	Asda	Property	
41	Carless	Newspapers,Pub	
42	Elliott (B)	Industrials E-K	
43	Prestwich Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
44	Br Mohair	Textiles	

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Capitalization and change on week

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin today. Dealings end December 9. §Contango day December 12. Settlement day December 19.
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BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,450.0m	Allied-Lyons (za)	461	+13	17.3	3.8	13.8
2,567.2m	Bass (za)	780	+24	25.9	3.4	11.7
99.8m	Berkeley	1593	+2	110	1.9	20.7
151.9m	Boddington	1593	+2	54	3.3	17.0
94.8m	Buckleys	1193		109	0.6	
81.9m	Bullmer (H P)	1358		87	5.5	17.6
40.2m	Burtonwood Brew	1923		43	2.2	23.8
35.6m	Clark (Matthew)	1403		147	3.7	11.0
119.9m	Devenish (JA)	2543		29	1.3	28.7
288.0m	Greenall Whitley	2944		83	3.3	14.5
189.1m	Greene King	1456		99	2.2	20.0
2,971.2m	Guinness (za)	1360	+2	42.5	3.9	16.9
32.4m	Hardys & Hansons	810	+15	30.0	3.7	15.1
157.3m	Highland Dist	1121		38	3.3	15.9
92.6m	Irvingerdon Distl	1401		83	2.1	24.4
242.4m	Irish Dist	1385				
145.8m	Marston Thompson	1878		40	2.4	18.8
54.7m	Morland	1858	+2	12.1	1.8	11.2
745.0m	SA Breweries	2278	+10			
1,450.6m	Scot & New (za)	1392		122	3.1	19.3
342.1m	Vaux Grp	1292	+5	21.59	3.0	22.1
1,259.8m	Whitbread 'A' (za)	1291		147	3.4	10.8
124.4m	Do 'B'	1450	+90	147	2.0	27.9
264.9m	Whitbread Inv	2450		128	3.0	44.6
287.1m	Wolverhmptn & D	1445		125	3.0	25.5
14.6m	Young 'A'	356		12.5	2.5	23.5

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
77.4m	Abbey	200	-15			7.8
247.0m	Amec	356	-2	19.5	5.4	10.1
80.5m	Anglia Sec	384	-19	34	9.0	23.4
42.3m	Anglo Utd	35	-1	3.5	10.0	9.1
8,400.000	Arndale	168	-5	5.3	3.2	10.6
171.7m	Atkwoods	257	-5	9.3	3.1	16.5
992.5m	BPB Inc (za)	343	-17	11.3	4.7	8.4
61.0m	Bayswater Brick	352		4.9	1.3	21.5
5,040.000	Bailey (Sam Constr	97		2.9	3.0	7.7
307.4m	Barrat Devs	173	-8	14.9	8.7	9.1
54.6m	Bathway	216	-15	13.5	6.2	6.2
29.7m	Bilbomich	86		3.0	3.5	6.9
103.3m	Barkeley Gp	249		19	7.5	
15.7m	Bett Bros	355		4.8	4.8	24.2
42.6m	Brockleys	355	-15	9.7	2.7	19.3
1,110.9m	Blue Circle (za)	355	-17	21.3	9.0	10.2
20.4m	Boot (Henry)	328		22.1	6.7	
33.0m	Breedon PLC	117		4.6	3.9	31.4
21.2m	Br Dredging	123		6.9	5.6	26.6
234.6m	Bryant	115		4.6	4.0	9.6
48.6m	CALA	145		3.7	2.7	9.6
362.9m	CRH	1288				
7,098.000	Cakebread Robey	136		5.1	3.8	23.4
206.1m	Caradon	326	-5	10.7	3.2	12.6
77.7m	Cnd Charles	393	-3	13.3	3.3	14.7
33.2m	Condor Grp	343		9.7	2.2	13.8
10.7m	Dickson PLC	143		4.0	2.2	22.9
584.3m	Costain	313	-7	14.0	4.5	12.8
92.2m	Crashprufe	253	-5	3.0	1.2	12.7
143.5m	Crest Nicholson	191		8.3	4.3	9.6
12.7m	Crosby Janes	116		2.7	2.3	8.2
44.9m	Douglas (RM)	295		5.79	1.9	14.7
18.4m	Elmond Hdgs	361	-4	15	4.1	17.2
40.4m	Emh	98		4.4	4.5	17.2
24.8m	Federated Hsg	269	-11	7.7	2.9	9.6
20.1m	Fitzan Gp	89		1.6	1.8	7.7
47.1m	Galliford	238	-2	4.3	1.8	11.9
4,811.000	Gibbs & Dandy Grd	285		12.5	4.4	14.6
50.0m	Gleeson (M.J)	600	-15	10.9	1.8	14.3
32.4m	Harrison Ind	188	-15	9.1	4.8	8.9
157.5m	Hawden-Stuart	115	-5.5	2.9	2.5	11.8
342.1m	Heywood Williams	127		13.3	3.9	10.5
113.5m	Higgs & Hill	317	-9	13.1	3.9	10.5
39.3m	Hoe Gp	97	-3	3.5	4.5	9.8
12.3m	Howard Hdgs	146	-3	3.7	3.5	8.2
296.6m	Ibstock Johnsen	152	-13	6.0	4.0	9.8
18.4m	James (J) & Sons	183				
129.2m	Laing (J)	1243	-15	12.7	3.7	8.6
60.3m	Lawrence (Walter)	1380	-5	7.3	5.6	8.2
78.5m	Lilley (FJC)	1170		9.7	13.8	25.5
121.7m	Lovell (YJ)	2454		10.9	2.1	20.4
354.5m	Magnet (za)	1294	-21	27	9.7	10.7
67.6m	Manders	1424	+7	7.6	3.5	24.6
410.4m	Marley	1484	-16	7.3	4.9	10.6
21.0m	Marshalls (Halifax)	1743		10.6	4.3	11.5
24.3m	Mauricius (J)	1274	-9	4.2	3.3	8.6
117.1m	McAlpine (Alfred)	315	-9	21.5	6.8	8.3
185.5m	McCarthy & S	1369	-13	5.7	1.5	11.1
378.8m	Meyer Int	1388	-20	14.8	3.8	13.4
12.0m	Miller (Stanley)	1277		7.7	12.1	7.8
307.9m	Mowlem (John)	352	-15	23.7	6.5	9.5
118.5m	NSM	68				
121.0m	Newarmit	1218		18.7	10.4	5.2
189.6m	Newman Tonks	1727		10.5	6.1	12.6
121.9m	Pemberton	1477	-17	6.5	3.1	11.7
12.8m	Phoenix Timber	91	-3	3.3	3.6	11.3
9,964.000	Pochins	980	-55	25.3	2.6	9.3
22.0m	Polarting	1888		4.5	2.5	11.3
956.0m	RMC Gp (za)	1618		16.1	4.9	12.8
103.5m	Rame Inv	1450	-5	4.0	4.5	10.2
1,137.2m	Redland (za)	418	-5	17.1	4.1	9.7
126.6m	Ruberoid	277		5.9	2.1	20.1
3590.0m	Rugby Group	1338		14.7	2.0	27.9
56.1m	Sharpe & Fisher	1388		5.3	1.9	19.9
13.1m	Smart (J)	1387		7.7	5.9	11.2
497.2m	Steetley	1338	-7	13.3	4.0	11.8
1,057.0m	Tarmac (za)	2831	-15	11.7	4.9	11.7
24.8m	Tay Homes	2150		10.3	3.1	7.4
824.0m	Taylor Woodrow (za)	596	-10	14.7	2.5	22.1
71.2m	Tilbury Group	1830	-9	12.8	3.8	11.5
115.2m	Travis Perkins	2670	-3	7.2	2.7	12.7
26.5m	Turriff	1298	+2	12.1	4.0	13.5
83.2m	Wimpey	1488	+2	9.3	2.5	14.1
39.9m	Ward Group	1828		6.1	3.4	14.4
53.0m	Ward Hdgs	1518		3.2	3.2	6.4
66.4m	Wates Blake	2427	-5	8.6	2.6	9.5
119.5m	Westbury	2447	-17	9.9	3.7	9.9
40.2m	Wiggins	2258	-20	7.9	3.5	8.9
150.1m	Wilson Bowden	2350		6.5	2.9	12.5
291.1m	Wilson (Connolly)	1648	-9	9.3	2.9	12.5
685.4m	Wimpey G (za)	2430		10.3	4.2	10.1
12.7m	YRM	106	-2	4.0	3.8	10.2

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock out-standing £	Stock	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Int ecty yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
2241m	Treas 11¼% 1989	99¹⁵/₃₂	-1/32		
1388m	Treas 10¾% 1989	99	-1/32	10.8	
2381m	Exch 10¼% 1989	99¼	-1/32	10.2	
1189m	Exch 10¼% 1989	99¼	-1/32	10.3	
1980m	Exch 11% 1989	99	-1/32	11.1	
571m	Treas 9% 1988-89	99	-1/32	9.1	
1137m	Treas C9¼% 1989	99⅛	-1/32	9.35	
483m	Treas 9¾% 1989	99⅞	-1/32	9.8	
988m	Treas 9% 1990	99⅞	-1/32	9.03	
1613m	Treas 13% 1990	101¾	-1/32	12.8	
1282m	Exch 11¼% 1990	99⅞	-1/32	11.1	
1262m	Exch 12½% 1990	101	-1/32	12.4	
499m	Treas 3% 1990	90¾	-1/32	3.3	
573m	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	95⅝	-1/32	8.6	
1845m	Treas 10% 1990	97¾	-1/32	10.2	
438m	Exch 9¾% 1990	97¼	-1/32	9.8	
984m	Treas C10% 1991	98⅝	-1/32	10.2	
2213m	Treas 11¾% 1991	100⅝	-1/32	11.7	
351m	Fund 5¼% 1987-91	90¾	-1/32	5.4	
1347m	Exch 11% 1991	99⅝	-1/32	11.0	
1345m	Treas 9% 1991	92¼	-1/32	9.7	
1244m	Treas 8% 1991	92¼	-1/32	8.7	
941m	Treas 12¾% 1992	104⅝	-1/32	12.2	
1581m	Treas 10% 1992	97⅞	-1/32	10.2	
1275m	Exch C10¼% 1992	98⅛	-1/32	10.5	
413m	Treas 12% 1992	102¾	-1/32	11.6	
1425m	Treas 8% 1992	91⅛	-1/32	8.7	
1402m	Exch 12¼% 1992	103⅝	-1/32	11.8	
1900m	Exch 13¼% 1992	107⅛	-1/32	12.5	
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
733m	Treas 8¼% 1993	91⅞	-1/32	9.0	
1616m	Treas 10% 1993	97⅞	-1/32	10.2	
1171m	Treas 12¼% 1993	106⅛	-1/32	11.7	
519m	Fund 6% 1993	86⅝	-1/32	6.9	
1394m	Treas 13¼% 1993	111⅛	-1/32	12.3	
960m	Treas 8½% 1994	91⅛	-1/32	9.3	
685m	Treas 9¼% 1994 ■	93⅛	-1/32	9.3	
992m	Treas 14¼% 1994	119⅝	-1/32	12.0	
1685m	Exch 12½% 1994	107⅝	-1/32	11.6	
1222m	Exch 13¼% 1994	111	-1/32	12.2	
1505m	Treas 9% 1994	93⅞	-1/32	9.6	
1072m	Treas 10% 1994	98⅛	-1/32	10.2	
2488m	Treas 12% 1995	105⅞	-1/32	11.3	
167m	Gas 3% 1990-95	78½	-½	3.8	
2072m	Exch 10¼% 1995	98¼	-1/32	10.4	
1118m	Treas 12¼% 1995	111⅛	-1/32	11.5	
1051m	Treas 14% 1996	118¾	-1/32	12.0	
707m	Treas 9% 1992-96	94⅜	-1/32	9.5	
1674m	Treas 15¼% 1996	124	-1/32	12.3	
915m	Exch 13¼% 1996	114⅜	-1/32	11.6	
1090m	Conv 9% 1997	98½	-1/32	10.2	
2386m	Treas 9¼% 1997	92⅞	-1/32	9.9	
1732m	Treas 13½% 1997	115⅝	-1/32	11.5	
3132m	Exch 10½% 1997	101	-1/32	10.4	
1256m	Exch 15% 1997	129⅝	-1/32	11.6	
920m	Treas 8¼% 1995-98	82	-1/32	9.2	
2772m	Exch 9¾% 1998	97⅛	-1/32	10.0	
1445m	Treas 15¼% 1998	131⅛	-1/32	11.6	
2770m	Exch 10½% 1998	100⅝	-1/32	10.5	
1214m	Treas 9½% 1999	97⅛	-1/32	9.8	
3269m	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅝	-1/32	10.9	
1284m	Treas 10½% 1999	102⅜	-1/32	10.2	
1568m	Conv 10¼% 1999	101⅛	-1/32	10.1	
1198m	Treas 9¾% 1999	99⅜	-1/32	9.8	
2159m	Treas 13% 2000	118⅝	-1/32	11.0	
1463m	Conv 9% 2000	94⅛	-1/32	9.6	
1053m	Treas 10% 2001	100⅜	-1/32	10.0	
792m	Conv 9¾% 2001	98⅝	-1/32	9.9	
1515m	Treas 14% 1998-01	121⅞	-1/32	11.5	
1228m	Exch 9% 2002	94⅜	-1/32	9.5	
724m	Conv 10% 2002	101⅛	-1/32	9.9	
1771m	Exch 12% 1999-02	119⅝	-1/32	10.8	
1443m	Treas 9¾% 2002	99⅛	-1/32	9.8	
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS					
1022m	Treas 10% 2003	102⅝	-1/32	9.8	
2220m	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	123⅜	-1/32	11.1	
2092m	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	110⅝	-1/32	10.4	
959m	Treas 10% 2004	100⅝	-1/32	9.7	
2810m	Fund 9¾% 1996-04	99	-1/32	9.9	
1357m	Conv 9¼% 2004	99⅝	-1/32	9.5	
1878m	Conv 9½% 2005	99⅞	-1/32	9.5	
1136m	Exch 10¾% 2003-05	107⅝	-1/32	10.1	
2664m	Treas 12¼% 2003-05	119⅝	-1/32	10.3	
1562m	Treas 8% 2002-06	87⅝	-1/32	9.1	
703m	Conv 9¼% 2006	102⅜	-1/32	9.5	
3614m	Treas 11¼% 2006-07	114⅜	-1/32	10.2	
1625m	Treas 13¼% 2004-08	130	-1/32	10.9	
1787m	Treas 9% 2008	98⅛	-1/32	9.2	
893m	Treas 8% 2009	88⅛	-1/32	9.0	
365m	Conv 9% 2011	99⅜	-1/32	9.1	
573m	Treas 10% 2009-12	97⅝	-1/32	9.7	
614m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	87⅞	-1/32	8.8	
1289m	Exch 12% 2013-17	129⅛	-1/32	9.3	
UNDATED					
160m	Consols 4%	44¼	-⅛	9.0	
788m	War Ln 3½%	39⅝	-⅛	8.8	
91m	Conv 3%	31¾	-⅛	9.5	
18m	Treas 3%	32¾	-⅛	9.2	
78m	Consols 2½%	27¾	-⅛	9.0	
132m	Treas 2½%	27¾	-⅛	9.0	
INDEX-LINKED					
616m	Treas IL 2% 1990	123¼	-⅛	2.0	
381m	Treas IL 2% 1994	95¾	-⅛	2.2	
1400m	Treas IL 2% 1996	140	-⅛	2.2	
1073m	Treas IL2½% 2001	119¾	-⅛	2.9	
992m	Treas IL2½% 2003	118¾	-⅛	2.9	
1420m	Treas IL 2% 2006	118¾	-⅛	2.6	
1053m	Treas IL2½% 2009	119¾	-⅛	3.1	
1559m	Treas IL2½% 2011	115¾	-⅛	3.1	
985m	Treas IL2½% 2013	99⅝	-⅛	3.1	
1758m	Treas IL2½% 2016	100¾	-⅛	3.1	
1470m	Treas IL2½% 2020	101¾	-⅛	3.2	
768m	Treas IL2½% 2024	85¾	-⅛	3.2	

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
675.6m	Allied Irish	248	+3			
65.2m	Anglo Leasing	198	-5	5.3	2.7	10.4
152.4m	Antifeacher (Henry)	82		2.7	3.3	35.0
2,154.5m	Bco Nac	95	+½			
7,553.3m	Barkleyeria	89½				
588.4m	Bank of Ireland	238				
1,231.1m	Bank Leumi Israel	117½				
29.0m	Bank Leumi UK	350		18.8	4.8	11.5
680.4m	Bank Of Scotland	332	+2	17.6	5.0	8.1
19.8m	Bank Of Wales	82		3.7	6.0	8.9
4,573.0m	Barclays (za)	412		27.9	6.8	20.5
15.0m	Benchmark	28		2.2	7.9	18.0
55.0m	Brown Shipley	348		14.0	4.0	13.0
7,992.000	Bus Mortgage	88				
65.6m	Celtic Alliin	346		38.0	8.7	11.9
40.8m	Cedes	62		3.7	6.0	11.5
44.0m	Chancery	290	+7	8.9	3.5	13.5
1,301.7m	Chase Manhattan	215½	-½			
4,417.9m	Citicorp	213½				
66.5m	Close Bros	1275		6.7	3.9	17.9
1,588.5m	Commerzgrnk	175½	-½			
5,847.0m	Deutsche Bank	218½				
7,460.000	Equity & Gen	36	-½	1.9	5.9	9.5
305.1m	First Nat Finance	221	-2	12.5	6.6	7.1
163.4m	GPG	50		2.4	4.8	8.4
105.3m	Gerrard Nat	279	-½	24.0	8.6	15.2
85.5m	Guinness Mahon	132	-1	1.6	1.2	16.3
356.5m	Hambros	222	-12	12.0	5.4	8.1
2,242.0m	HK Shanghai	220	-½	7.3	3.3	7.7
26.2m	Joseph (Leopold)	300		17.5	5.8	20.8
20.7m	King & Shaxson	131	-2	12.5	9.4	13.2
413.2m	Kleinwort Benson	313	-11	18.7	6.0	7.6
2,810.5m	Lloyds (za)	322	-4	16.8	5.8	
25.4m	Lon Scot Bk	45	-1	2.5	5.6	11.7
2,240.0m	Midland (za)	409½	-½	28.0	6.8	
448.3m	Morgan Grenfell	292	-23	14.5	5.0	27.3
2,220.3m	Nat Aust Bk	315	+9			

ELECTRICALS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
108.5m	AB Elect	435	-6	20.0	4.7	9.6
66.8m	ABB Kent	98	-2	4.0	4.5	22.3
14.0m	Admiral Comp	138		9.0	6.3	10.5
46.6m	Alba	126	-3	5.8	4.6	11.6
35.3m	Alphameric	190		4.7	2.5	8.6
925.5m	Amstrad (za)	183	-14	1.9	1.2	8.5
76.9m	Apricot Computers	110	-2	3.0	2.7	10.7
10.4m	Arlen	97		4.0	4.1	7.9
10.7m	Audio Fidelity	134	-18	2.0	1.5	9.3
189.1m	Auto Sec	265	-8	3.1	1.2	16.5
7,590.000	Beacon Gp	44		0.7	1.6	
30.2m	Bennett & Fountain	31	-3	1.3	4.2	10.4
907.6m	BICC (za)	369	-10	17.7	4.8	17.6
186.4m	BSR	93	-5	9.1	9.8	5.3
43.2m	Bick	214	+5	8.1	3.8	15.5
43.3m	Borland	58	-9			
287.6m	Bowthorpe	172	-5	4.75	2.7	13.2
134.9m	Brengrina Security	127	-14	3.9	3.1	12.7
15,191.0m	Br Telecom (za)	232	-5	13.3	5.3	11.0
4,940.000	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19	-3	0.3	1.6	11.0
3,842.0m	Cable Wireless (za)	358	-11	9.6	2.7	17.3
101.0m	Cambridge Elec	227	-3	11.7	4.9	11.7
51.7m	Cambridge Instr	393	-3	11.1	2.8	14.1
148.4m	Chloride	98	-7	2.7	4.6	27.4
159.6m	Cray Elec	261	+1	4.4	2.2	20.9
48.9m	Crystalate	155	-5	7.8	8.0	7.5
7,573.000	DDT Group	117	-1	1.6	1.4	43.6
15.5m	Dale Elec	118	-3	9.7	4.9	13.9
45.6m	Domino	203	-5	4.3	2.1	10.1
55.4m	Dowding & Mills	89		2.7	4.5	11.7
379.3m	Electrocomponents	186	-6	6.1	3.3	12.6
9,927.000	Elec Data Process	115	-5	2.8	2.4	9.8
24.0m	Electron House	128	-2	5.0	3.9	10.8
1,857.000	Electronic Mach	73	-2	1.2	1.6	8.6
111.7m	Emess	440	-10	11.5	2.6	18.6
114.6m	Eurotherm	397	-3	8.6	2.2	14.5
572.0m	FKI Babcock (za)	130½	-½	9.1	2.4	11.4
189.3m	Fernell Elect	142	-6	9.1	3.6	10.6
737.3m	Ferranti Int (za)	97½	-1½	3.1	3.2	12.2
15.9m	Forward Tech	47	-1	1.9	2.8	7.7
4,589.0m	GEC (za)	172	-4	8.7	5.1	10.2
58.0m	Garland Simon	364	+10	12.2	6.8	23.6
6,388.000	Hartland Elect	72		3.0	5.3	11.9
168.8m	Hoskyns Gp	426		32.0	7.6	37.7
12.7m	ITL Gp	41		2.7	6.6	7.1
59.0m	Jones Stroud	220		9.0	3.5	12.9
12.9m	Kode	230		20.7	9.0	7.5
21.7m	Lec Refrigeration	360	-10	16.0	5.0	10.0
57.4m	Lin Sciences	393	-3	7.3	2.5	31.4
228.0m	Logica	377	-13	31	0.8	20.9
58.2m	Macro 4	268	-5	5.2	1.9	16.6
63.6m	Memec	2355	-4	5.9	2.5	15.3
98.2m	MBS	36	-1	4.3	12.0	24.7
97.0m	Microtim Repro	418	+18	4.5	1.1	31.8
19.7m	Micro Focus	153	-9			27.7
85.6m	Microgen	2222		8.0	3.6	13.7
96.3m	Mod	122	-1			
484.3m	Motec	518				
10.6m	Multitone Elect	71	-1	5.1	7.1	
10.2m	Murray Elect	34		0.3	0.9	
10.0m	Newmark (Louis)	338		19.6	5.8	10.2
301.7m	NEI	1397	-6	7.29	5.6	42.5
12.5m	NMW Comp	91	-1			10.7
37.5m	National Telecom	134½	-9½	2.0	1.5	12.1
10.0m	Newmark (Louis)	338		19.6	5.8	10.2
83.6m	Northerner	358	-5	2.6	0.8	17.5
10.6m	Osborne	17				
108.8m	Oxford Instruments	226	-3	5.7	1.6	15.1
32.8m	P-E International	283	-7	5.1	2.5	14.4
44.6m	P & P	238	-7	5.1	1.2	18.7
99.1m	Penn	91	-6	3.4	1.1	23.0
9,740.000	Philips Fin 5¼%	275½		5.75	7.5	
2,388.5m	Philips Lamps N/V	69½				
6,619.000	Philips	385	-10	11.3	3.7	9.5
4,485.000	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	397	-12	11.3	3.4	7.2
313.9m	Pilgrim House	252	-4	9.6	3.9	13.9
1,603.1m	Plessey (za)	216½		8.2	4.2	13.6
9,927.000	Racal Elect (za)	156	-6	6.8	4.3	12.8
24.0m	Redman Heenan	146	-5	6.1	4.2	10.7
27.2m	Quest Automation	125		4.5	3.5	6.0
15.7m	Oscilent	125	-7			
1,589.9m	Racal Elect (za)	268	-24	6.0	2.3	18.9
4,515.000	Racs	103		4.0	3.9	10.8
149.1m	SD-Scicon	74		6.9	12.2	22.2
31.8m	Scanmonic	111	-5	2.4	2.2	21.8
98.8m	Scholes (GH)	288	+21	9.1	3.2	20.1
209.7m	Sema Gp	321	-1	9.3	2.9	24.5
9,964.000	Sirenm	162		0.1	0.1	13.5
32.0m	Sound Diffusion	233	-1	0.1	0.4	
1,430.2m	STC (za)	2586½	-25½	10.3	4.0	11.5
2,178.8m	TDK	6180				
297.5m	Telephone Rentals	1380		12.0	3.6	24.2
35.2m	Telemetrix	43				
72.1m	Therm Scientific	223		5.3	2.4	18.4
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NATIONAL TRAINING AWARDS

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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Edward Fennell

The path to prosperity



Eighty organizations who proved that their training methods in the last year have been 'exceptional and effective' have been presented with a National Training Award, a coveted award recognized at home and overseas as a symbol of training quality

Personalities in politics, industry, commerce, the professions and arts gathered last Friday at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, to celebrate the success of the people from shopfloor workers to management who create the wealth and provide the services which sustain national life.

Among the guests were Norman Fowler, the Employment Secretary, representing the Government; Sir Austin Pearce, formerly of Esso, for the engineering industry; and the film director, Sir Richard Attenborough.

But the real stars were in the audience – the representatives of 80 organizations who were celebrating their success at being "exceptionally effective" and winning a National Training Award. In some cases it was for improving their firm's profitability. Wade Couplings for example, a typical West Midlands engineering company, increased its profitability by 60 per cent over two years.

Then there were those like ICL who achieved a 30-fold improvement in the reliability of its Series 39 mainframe computers. And F. W. Harmer, a clothing manufacturer, which improved on-time delivery record by 20 per cent.

Birds Eye managed to save £2.5 million on the manufacturing costs at its Humberside plant – an achievement which was exceeded only by Rolls-Royce which saved £5 million on a new testbed.

In fact, all 80 award winners had impressive stories of achievement to recount. But what brought them all together, these varied companies ranging in size, industry, skills and geography?

It was that they all attributed their success to the benefits of training.

The National Training Awards event is now in its second year. Started in 1987 by Sir John Harvey-Jones, formerly of ICI, and chaired this year by Sir Austin Pearce, the intention is that the awards should do for training what the Queen's Awards have done for exports and technology.

Organized under the auspices of the Employment Department's training agency, they are a way of spreading the good news about training and providing role modelsto inspire others.

The National Training Awards are far from being concerned just with running courses or sending people on day-release. Indeed, a chief executive could spend a fortune on training and still see his company going down the drain if that training was irrelevant or inefficient. That is why the National Training Awards are about "exceptionally effective" training: in other words, training which produces good results.

To a large extent the NTA judges select their winners on the strength of the benefits which their investment in training have produced. As the report on NTA 1987 said: "Training must contribute clearly and significantly to the performance of the organization."

Anyone looking for down-to-earth evidence of the benefits of the new mood in industry and commerce would be well-advised to look in detail at the case-histories of this year's winners.

For example, if you are interested in how to commission a new plant to a tight schedule, take a look at ICI at Grangemouth.

Management's ability to manage was improved by Pinney's of Scotland.

The problem of having too many workers in some skills but too few in others was tackled by Chevron Petroleum.

And the challenge of introducing office automation was tackled by the temp-agency Manpower.

So do not be misled by the title National Training Awards, because these awards are primarily about business achievement – the training is the means to the end.

Perhaps the best proof of this is that the thriving financial services industry doubled its number of entries this year and is now well-represented among the awards.

The TSB, the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Bradford & Bingley Building Society, all made impressive entries as demonstrations of the vigour of their growth.

In fact, it attributes to the impact of the NTAs that candidates for the awards increased by almost 20 per cent over last year.

And with the status of the awards now firmly established more organizations than ever want to win an award as proof of their quality as a front-ranking organization.

Indeed, after two years of the event only Marks & Spencer and Barclays Bank out of the UK's leading companies are conspicuous by their absence.

As Dr John McGregor from Honeywell and one of this year's judges said: "It's reassuring and heartening to see that training is really getting into the guts of companies and that it is no longer viewed as an add-on which is cutback when times are hard."

What also emerges from reviewing this year's winning stories is that being trained to do something well and being part of a winning team is good for people. Looking back 10 years or so, in the days of perpetual industrial confrontation and declining productivity, training would hardly have featured as a way of "turning round" a failing company (or, indeed, a failing country).

Now that has changed. Several of the stories from this year's winners start off with the comment that, in the past, it was negative attitudes from management and staff alike which did most to hold organizations back.

But by providing the right kind of training people have not only raised their skills but their teamwork; their level of job satisfaction has gone up, their self-esteem has improved, and they enjoy their jobs more.

As Trevor Thomas, a judge from Unilever, said: "In this year's winners there are the seeds of, and tips for, best practice which will make us all more competitive.

"There's a message for everyone in Britain from these winners."

There might also be a message for a number of other countries as well. Overseas interest in the National Training Awards is is remarkably high. And with Britain playing host to next summer's world conference and exhibition for the International Federation of Training and Development Organizations interest in its messages is likely to rise higher.

● *Copies of the National Training Awards Annual Report 1987 and the synopsis of winners 1988 are available free from: National Training Awards, Freepost, PO Box 12, Nottingham NG7 1BR.*



Smiles of success: Norman Fowler, the Employment Secretary, and Anna Ford with two award winners

Retraining is the message for 1990s

By Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment

The purpose of the National Training Awards is to give public recognition to companies with an outstanding record in the field of training. This year there were nearly 1,500 entries, a 25 per cent increase on last year. That is an indication of the higher priority companies are now giving to training.

We hear more and more about labour shortages. In fact, we are seeing the first signs of the demographic changes which all employers will have to face in the 1990s.

Between now and 1995 many fewer people will enter the labour market than over the last five years. The number of 16 to 19-year-olds will drop by almost a quarter. This has implications for all businesses and makes the case for training stronger than at any time since the Second World War.

Seventy per cent of the workforce in the year 2,000 are already in employment. Most of the people on whom employers will have to rely in the years up to the end of this century are therefore already in their employment. Many of them have had little or no training since the initial training they received when they started work. Most left school at the minimum age and have not acquired any qualifications since then.

The lesson is clear. Employers will need to undertake a massive retraining effort over the next 10 years and this must be primarily directed at the people they already employ.

The companies winning National Training Awards have shown they understand the importance of training for the 1990s. They have introduced training schemes involving a mixture of retraining their existing workforce and training new recruits.

It is clear that all employers will have to find new sources of recruitment – among the long-term unemployed, women, ethnic minorities and older workers. The Government has shown the way through Employment Training, the largest scheme anywhere in the world to retrain unemployed people in the skills a modern labour market needs.

The advent of the Single European Market in 1992 will present new opportunities, but it will also increase competitive pressures. Our ability to compete in international markets will depend on the skills of our workforce. Training will be a crucial factor in determining whether our companies remain competitive and seize the opportunities which will become available.

The winners of the 1988 National Training Awards have invested in the skills of their employees. They have demonstrated the crucial importance of training to business success. Other British businesses should follow their example.



Winning cure: all supervisors at Glaxochem's antibiotic manufacturing plant at Ulverston, Cumbria, are now involved in training courses, a vital factor in the company's success as an NTA winner

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Sainsbury's is delighted to have won a National Training Award for the initiative developed for its recently opened Ladbroke Grove store in West London. Working in collaboration with Project Fullemploy and the North Kensington Task Force, we provided pre-recruitment training for unemployed members of the local community. Once employed, their training continued and helped some to progress to management positions.

However, this is only one example of Sainsbury's total commitment to training and development at all levels, in which we will invest over £20 million this year.

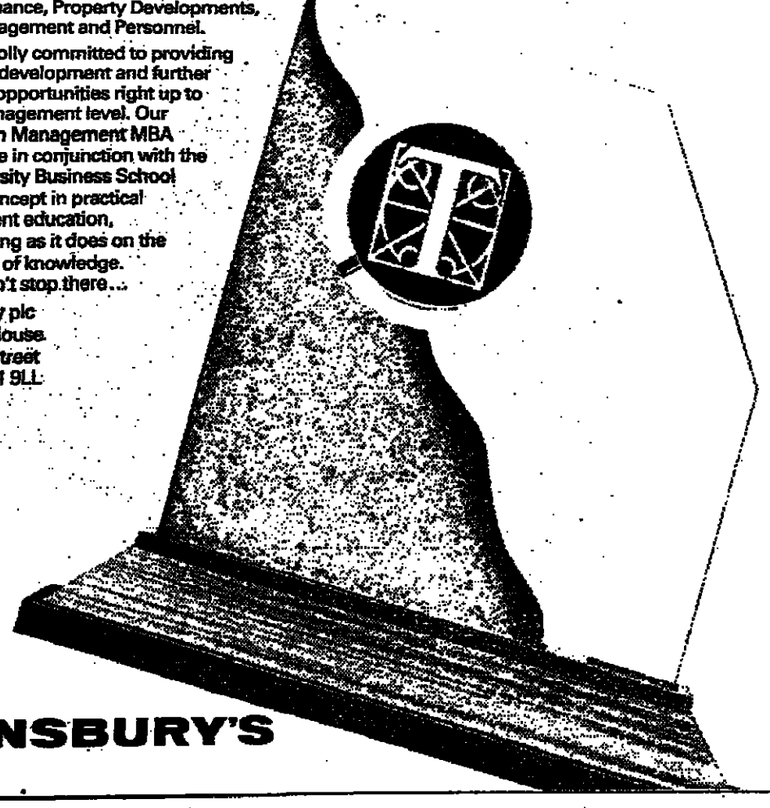
Our own Retail Trainee Scheme which sits alongside YTS has been designed to give 16 year olds a comprehensive introduction to the world of retailing and leads to a National Vocational Qualification by combining practical training with formal study.

For 18 year olds, our 'A' level training scheme prepares them for management responsibility and can lead to a Certificate in Retail Management accredited by the Council for National Academic Awards.

Each year our Graduate Training Scheme has places for over 200 graduates of all disciplines to train in Computing, Scientific Services, Buying, Finance, Property Developments, Retail Management and Personnel.

We are wholly committed to providing structured development and further education opportunities right up to Senior Management level. Our Consortium Management MBA programme in conjunction with the City University Business School is a new concept in practical management education, concentrating as it does on the application of knowledge. But it doesn't stop there...

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British Airways is delighted to announce it has won a National Training Award for letting its cabin crew watch T.V.

We are delighted to receive this most prestigious of awards for our video-based training programme "People of the World". It is aimed at enhancing our understanding of our customers from overseas. It's good to know it's so well appreciated at home.

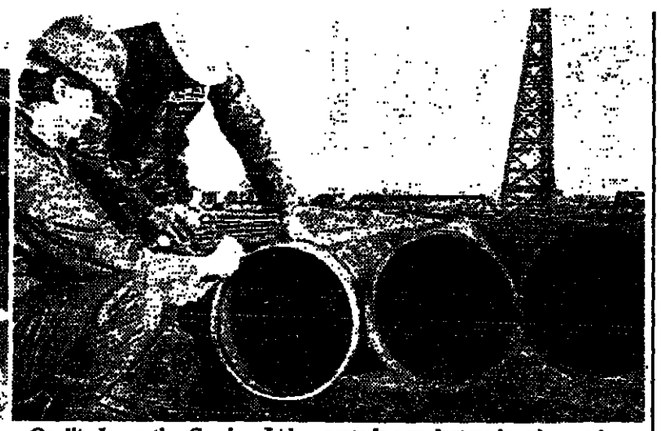
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European Profiles Ltd: an interesting history of government initiatives



Quality Inspection Services Ltd: experts in non destructive pipe testing

Catching the patron's eye

Any system of awards which has 80 winners faces the danger that they will end up just a face in the crowd. So to get round this problem, the National Training Awards incorporates three special Patron's Awards which reflect the special interests and priorities of that year's key personality.

In view of Sir Austin Pearce's engineering background it was not surprising that all three of his choices — Rolls-Royce, Quality Inspection Ltd and European Profiles Ltd — were from the field of engineering. However what also came through in his choice was the importance which he attributes to education and the links between schools and industry.

It all goes back to the days when Sir Austin was running the Esso oil refinery at Fawley outside Southampton and was appointed the first chairman of the governors of the local grammar school at Totton. This allowed him to put his interest in secondary education to practical effect. Some 30 years later, it was exactly the same interests which came through during his selection of winners for the National Training Awards.

"Close liaison between schools and the local employers is something I feel very strongly about because it is so important for school leavers," explained Sir Austin. "If pupils can get some good work experience in their final year at school it widens their horizons and helps make the transition from school to work much more effective."

The NTA Winner which caught Sir Austin's eye for this particular activity was European Profiles Limited, a small subsidiary of RTZ from Dyfed in Wales. The company produces high tensile steel sheeting and is one of the leading roll-forming companies in the UK.

To compete with increasing competition, however, the company knew it had to secure a supply of well-motivated and able young people. This prompted it to refine its YTS programme, becoming one of the first organizations in South Wales to achieve Approved Training Organization status.

Perhaps more important from Sir Austin's perspective was that, at the same time as running YTS, the firm was taking a leading role in setting up the Dinefawr Schools Industry Liaison Group. This brings together all the comprehensive schools in the area and provides all pupils in the last two years of school with work experience. It involves identifying and setting up about 500 job placements — a formidable task.

But it has produced results. The youngsters who participate in the schools' initiative prove to be more capable and self-assured once they get to work and are able to make a better start to their working lives.

In the meantime, European Profiles has benefited from its own high standards in YTS. Every trainee who has completed the programme has been offered a job, with the result that the company is now confident about meeting its future skill needs.

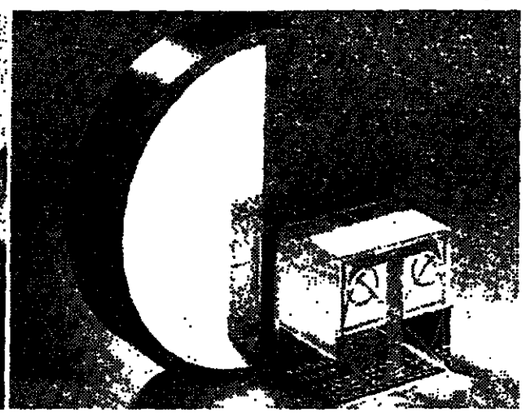
Also significant is the way profits have grown substantially over the past two years and, although not all are attributable to the efforts of YTS trainees, the firm's financial director was able to comment with satisfaction: "YTS has made a significant contribution to the company's enhanced performance."

Speaking of his other selections, Sir Austin emphasized his concern about unemployment. "The best way out of unemployment is to give people the skills with which to do a job", he said, referring to Quality Inspection Ltd, a Stockton-on-Tees company specializing in non-destructive testing (NDT) services.

Alongside its own work it provides training for other people and, when the Smiths Dockyard on Teesside closed with the loss of over 1,000 jobs, Quality Inspection was called in by British Shipbuilders Enterprises Limited to provide training for those who wanted to make the career move into testing.



Patron: Sir Austin Pearce



The coveted prize: one of three eyecatching Patron's Awards

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> Sir Austin Pearce

In fact, the scheme has proved enormously successful. Ninety per cent of those who have trained through the scheme have been able to find permanent jobs in NDT and their new skills have meant the start of a new life.

At the same time, a major skill shortage in the engineering industry has been reduced. As one of the successful trainees wrote to Quality Inspection subsequently: "Thanks to you, I'm working. I wouldn't have been able to achieve all this without your help."

Finally Rolls-Royce, fighting for customers in the aerospace market, won its Patron's Award for the work it did on training the managers and supervisors within its development and experimental team.

"Up-grading management and the introduction of information technology are two areas I am particularly interested in," says Sir Austin. "The fact that Rolls-Royce tackled these two problems through effective training is encouraging. The enormous savings which were made as a result and the increase in efficiency provides a lesson for other British companies to follow."

Identifying the benefits that produce results

Last year's 60 National Training Award winners became more than just inaugural recipients of a new corporate honour. They quickly found themselves under the research microscope as guinea-pigs in the search to identify the real benefits of training.

For years there have been exhortations to industry from all sides to encourage more training. But like many sermons the moral went unheeded. The problem was that although the preachers asserted that training was the straight and narrow path to success there was little evidence to prove this assertion.

The National Training Awards, however, changed that. Here were 60 specific examples of organizations which had been rated by several panels of experts to be delivering not just "good training" but training which actually produced results. So what did that really mean? And was there anything which could really be learned from it and applied elsewhere to others?

In the months after the National Training Awards ceremony last year, a small research team funded by the then Manpower Services Commission undertook to go through evidence provided by the winners to see what made them tick.

The results *National Training Awards 1987; A Report on the First Year* published earlier this year made fascinating reading. Apart from anything else it gave individual, documented, evidence of the changes in attitudes and priorities which have transformed British industry in the past five years.

Most striking of all, however, was the report's conclusion about the benefits of training. "Close examination provides clear evidence of a causal relationship between the enhancement of workforce skills and competence and improvement in overall performance of the organization."

It then went on to identify four major areas of organizational concern to which training had directly contributed according to the experience of the winners.

First in the field of *Marketing* was a number of winners that needed to improve skills through training in order to meet a marketing goal. One high-tech defence contractor, for example, reported a 20 per cent increase in sales volume and a major increase in exports directly because of training.

Then there was the dyeing company which was worried about the number of complaints it received from customers over inadequate colour matching. Appropriate training had the effect of virtually eliminating customer complaints.

Production was the second field in which it was relatively easy to show the correlation between investment in training and output at the end of a production line. A paper manufacturer, for example, was able to achieve an 11 per cent reduction in down-time and a 20 per cent reduction in labour costs because of training.

Perhaps most predictably, it was in the *Human Resources* field that benefits were numerous. This ought not to be surprising, but it is amazing how many employers complain about their inability to get suitable staff yet fail to see that the answer lies partly in their own hands.

Given the shortage of correct skills in some parts of the economy, employers will have to realise that if you lack people with skills the answer lies in training, not in poaching from other companies.

Among the winners multi-skilling was a favourite theme (as indeed it was this year as well). An electronics firm shifting away from old electro-mechanical technology and a paper company, whose staff needed to be trained to maintain a new generation of more sophisticated equipment provide solid examples. Without effective training employers, such as these, going through periods of change simply would not be able to survive.

Maybe the most compelling argument for training is the the number of firms — on this we still have no details — that have gone out of business in the 1980s because they lacked sufficient skilled staff to survive.

As we move from the 1980s into the 1990s, chief executives are likely to be judged no longer by their ability to keep their firms afloat but on whether they can make them into thriving successes. Last year there were relatively few winners that were able to show specific increases in profitability because of training. This year there were a few more. Maybe next year they will dominate.



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Channel 4: the home of training

Channel 4's mission is to serve minority interests. And, for the time being, that is what training is. Just how long this remains the case will have to be seen. After all, everyone needs to be trained. And increasingly everyone will need to be retrained. From being a minority interest training could, in the 1990s, become a majority concern.

For the last few years, however, training's home on television has been at Channel 4. And it must be said it has received good service from the station. As well as hosting the TV output of the *Open College* it broadcasts the *Business Programme*, which regularly looks at training in all forms.

On awards day, therefore, Channel 4 was playing its part in the National Training Awards through its nomination of winners for the *Business Programme Award* and the *On Course Award* from the flagship programme of the *Open College*.

On behalf of the *Business Programme*, Andrew Clayton, editor, selected the Shotts Plant of Cummins Engine Co Ltd which, as it happens, was also a NTA winner last year.

Cummins, confronted by tough world competition, undertook a programme to improve the costs, quality and delivery of its engines by introducing "Just in Time" techniques. It was the complexity of the training process needed for this together with the fact it was so well focused on the company's needs which made it a particularly strong winner in the eyes of the *Business Programme*.

Meanwhile, the *On Course* programme team with its particular interest in open learning was looking for an entrant which had made imaginative use of this new approach to learning.

The Bradford & Bingley Building Society, facing a revolution in high-street financial services, was determined to make the most of the new opportunities. However, it was also fully aware that it was entering a more challenging market than the traditional one of savings and lending for mortgages.

Equipping staff who were scattered across the country with new skills was no easy task. The scale of the learning exercise demanded a new approach and open learning, together with the high quality of materials that were produced, provided the solution.

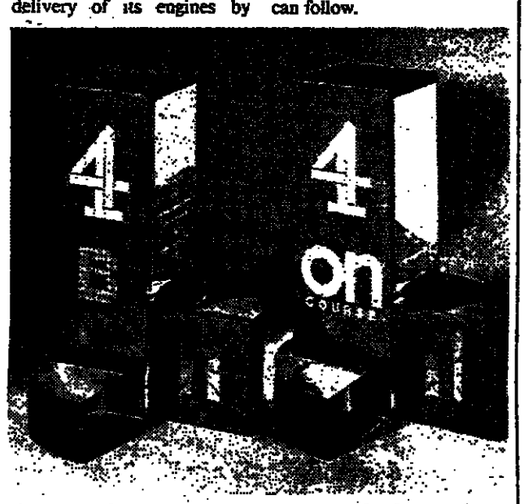
It demonstrated clearly that open learning is a hard-nosed, cost-effective way to train. The Bradford & Bingley serves as a model that others can follow.



Star presenter of the two Channel 4 training awards: Sir Richard Attenborough, chairman of Channel 4

Award designs

● The 1988 Patron and Channel 4 awards were designed by Jacqueline Meghey and Ten Hompel, the two student winners of a special Royal College of Art competition, sponsored by the Training Agency. The designs are in Welsh slate and optical glass



Prize pair: Channel 4's *Business*, left, and *On Course* awards

Winners of this year's trophies

CATEGORY 1 Employing organizations

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The Ashley Group Hairdesigners, apprentice training
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Bettys, Taylors and Kings (Prospect Foods Ltd), "training for involvement"
Birds Eye Wall's Ltd, process operatives' training
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Bradford and Bingley Building Society, counter staff training
British Airways Cabin Services, appreciation of other cultures
British Gas (E. Mids), sales training for public contract staff
British Steel plc, training of new recruits
Chevron Petroleum (UK), retraining of technical staff
Cummins Engine Co Ltd, "Just in Time" training
De Vere Hotels & Inns Ltd, enhanced YTS initial training
Dowty Group plc, training of directors
European Profiles Ltd, youth training
Fitness for Industry Ltd, instructor training
Guilford plc, supervisor training
Gatwick Airport Ltd, initial training for the new North Terminal staff
GEC Turbine Generators Ltd, comprehensive company training
Girobank plc, quality awareness training
Glaxochem Ltd, supervisory development
GT News (H. Turner & Son), training managers
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HF Holidays Ltd, holiday leader training
Hi-Tech Ltd, quality assurance training
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Quality Inspection Services Ltd, technician training
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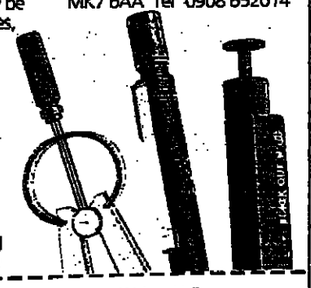
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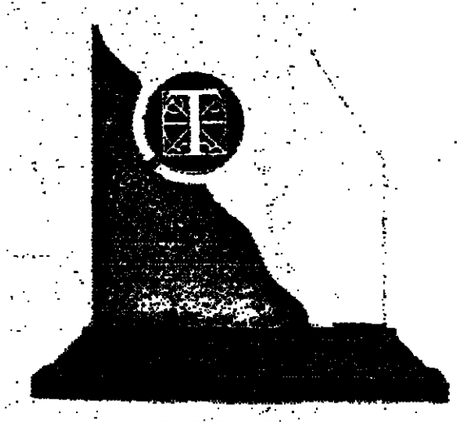
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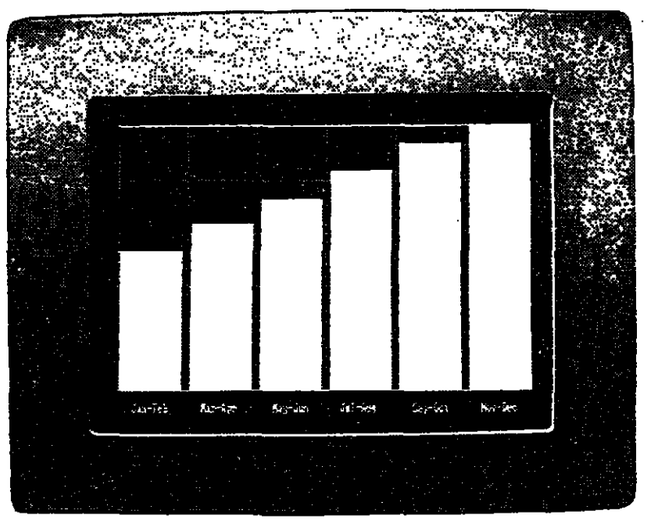


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The credibility gap

Research into last year's National Training Awards winners revealed that properly organized training can produce measurable and clearly identifiable benefits.

Unfortunately, that does not provide much comfort to those employers whose experience is of only a poor return on time and money spent on training. Their scepticism, which on the face of it may be well-founded, is one of the key factors holding back training in Britain.

The truth is that training lacks credibility in many organizations because it is badly or inappropriately done.

Does this mean that British managers are right not to spend more money on training which apparently produces few benefits?

Of course it does.

Put simply, the experiences of last year's National Training Awards entrants has shown that, when used intelligently as a strategic tool, training certainly produces results — but when it is used badly it is a waste of money.

So, as well as throwing up models of excellence, the National Training Awards event 1987 showed why many employers are still getting it wrong. It revealed, indeed, that there are still superficial attitudes circulating in organizations that feel they are undertaking worthy training but that it has no impact in real terms.



The complexity of marketing custom-made glass doors calls for an efficient and reliable service from the design stage through to dealing with remedial work. Panavista, of Edenbridge, Kent, recognized that central to this aim was the performance of its sales force. They have produced a training programmme for area sales managers which extended their skills into design, survey work, quality control and general trouble shooting.

Effective training produces change, and for training to produce worthwhile results there must be an underlying culture of change.

The first question, therefore, has to be, what change do you want to achieve?

Research into the NTA winners 1987 showed that they were successful because the starting point was always the organizational need for change. Training needs and objectives were clearly expressed.

By contrast, those organizations that failed to be shortlisted as possible award winners tended to have no precise idea of what training was intended to do within the context of the organization's objectives.

Interestingly, the judges of the 1987 event used a flow chart incorporating these ideas as a basic checklist for weeding out the non-starters.

The "organization need" has to be defined first so that the "training objectives" can be shaped up. These training objectives are the answer to the question "What is the training intended to achieve for the people participating?" — not an easy question, and it needs an answer from a line manager rather than a training officer.But, having defined what needs to be achieved, there should be some confidence about actually designing and delivering the training itself.

Good training comes in many forms. In selecting techniques, therefore, a company must ask the question: What is going to produce the desired results? (As it happens, open learning turned out to be a highly effective medium but that does not preclude the possibility of other techniques also working.)

At the end of a training exercise, it is critical to review what changes have been achieved. What are the outcomes? If the training has gone to plan, the outcomes should be seen to link with the original objectives.

If they do, the organization will benefit because the original organization need will have been met — and the organization will change as a result. But if the outcomes have drifted from the original intention, the training has failed.

As well as the prestige associated with winning an NTA, there are significant knock-on benefits

Spoils far greater than commercial advantage

There are plenty of benefits from training. But now there is evidence of benefits gained from being a National Training Award winner.

A survey by the marketing consultancy Quadrangle showed that a number of last year's winners secured significant new business. And many more obtained a competitive advantage.

So in addition to the honour of winning there were clear commercial advantages.

Publicity was the first prize with a combination of instant exposure in trade and local press and a degree of coverage on radio and TV stations.

By having their profiles raised in this way, winners experienced a number of spin-offs, including easier recruitment and new business contacts.

One winner, a small furniture manufacturer, instantly picked up an extra £15,000 orders through local media coverage in the West Midlands.

And California Cake & Cookie, which easily won last year's publicity competition, gained an increase of 10 per cent in turnover through one big new order which stemmed directly from reports about the award.

Where companies were interested in "selling on" their services as trainers, the results were dramatic. In one case, a winner increased its sales of training services by as much as 25 per cent through publicity about the awards.

It will be interesting to see how this year's winners of the training providers' awards will gain from their distinction as the first in this new category.

On a more long-term level, many 1987 winners used the awards as a tool in building their own images as highly professional, nationally distinguished organizations.

With the NTA being just one year old it is too early to expect instant recognition by the public of the significance of having won an award. But as the awards build up their momentum there will be growing respect for winners.

> "On a long term level many 1987 winners used the awards as a tool in building up their own image"

In line with the Department of Trade and Industry's Queen's Awards (which were the model for the NTAs), there are now a number of last year's winners who prominently display the NTA logo on stationery and annual reports.

Also significant is the way that every major recruiter among the winners now uses the NTA logo on its recruitment publicity — and in view of the difficulties over recruitment in some parts of the country this could be a big competitive advantage.

Yet it is the internal benefits which may be worth most to a winner. Among those who were part of the training process, trainees and trainers alike, morale went up. And because success tends to be good for any organization there were examples of groups being brought together by the award.

In one organization, it lubricated management-union relationships and helped to seal an agreement.

Obviously, within the trainer function itself, the award represented without exception an enormous boost to status and credibility. In fact, in a number of organizations it had the effect of putting training on the map internally. Training budgets were increased it served as a spur to even greater efforts to using training as an instrument of change.

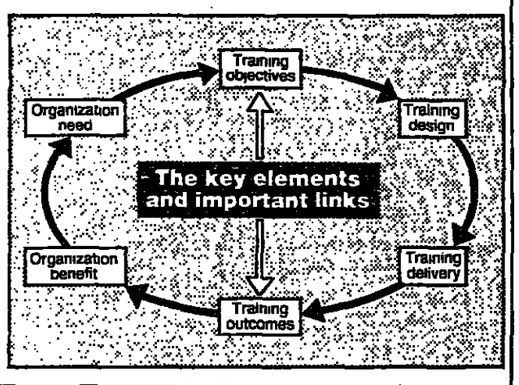
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Using a model of training effectiveness is a good way of building an efficient system. But there are other disciplines that can help.

Probably the most important one is getting line management involved. Training which is seen to be irrelevant to the workplace loses credibility. Training needs to involve and have the moral support of the managers who are likely to be most affected by it.

The second discipline in maintaining effective training is constantly to evaluateit. Even with the most well-established courses it is as well to monitor whether the objectives are being met.

And maybe a third one is to stop doing training for its own sake, because it is unnecessary and diverts attention from the real priority.

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The classic good idea for trouble-shooters

Paul Garnett, the managing director of the Barking-based company Wardenstar International Ltd, says: "1987 has been our most successful year so far, both in turnover and profit. Our expansion is only limited by the skilled personnel available and the raising of finance to make this possible."

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Wardenstar International: no shortage of initiative

The secret of its success is that there are very few maintenance companies that can provide this "Red Adair"-type trouble-shooting service. So when Wardenstar appeared on the scene it had no problems picking up business.

So in the same way that engineering manufacturers invest in plant, Wardenstar borrowed money from the bank to invest in the training of people.

Of course the great advantage that machines have over people is that they don't walk away after six months. Wardenstar bravely took the risk that once trained its people might leave. But they were prepared to live with that.

With money from the bank, the firm took on raw recruits and put them to train alongside its small number of skilled operatives. Coupled with an intensive in-house training programme the "raw recruits" were transformed within the space of 18 months into experienced and capable skilled workers — a process which revealed that with the right training and motivation people can come "up to speed" on new skills much faster than might be believed.

Wardenstar is now able to number BP, the Bank of England, and most of the major lift companies amongst its clients. Typically, the fees for doing a major maintenance job will be a quarter of a million pounds and growth has been extremely fast. But if that growth is to be sustained then even more money must be invested in training.

Paul Garnett and his colleagues have looked at the market realistically and conceded that the only way to capitalize on its opportunities is by investing in people. So far, they have not been disappointed. The firm could not embody better what the National Training Awards are all about.

Making life easier in Ladbroke Grove

Successful household-name companies, especially large retailers, have an important role to play in revitalizing declining inner city areas. In particular, they can bring jobs and new investment as well as brightening up the environment.

However, when Sainsbury's decided to open a new major store in Ladbroke Grove in North Kensington it knew it was letting itself in for some personnel problems.

"Sainsbury's ability to recruit and develop high calibre individuals is crucial to its continuing success," says Peter Cox, the company's manpower resources manager. There were worries, however, whether in the Ladbroke Grove area it would be possible to fill the large number of job vacancies which the new store would create.

Because of the special circumstances in the area surrounding the store, however, Sainsbury's decided to adopt an innovatory approach to its recruitment procedure.

Working in conjunction with the specialist agency Project Fullemploy, pre-recruitment courses were designed to prepare possible job candidates for the Sainsbury selection process whilst also giving them work experience and teaching them some basic retailing skills.

Admission to the pre-recruitment courses was fairly open — applicants needed only to show some basic aptitude for retailing and demonstrate that they had a serious interest in improving their situation. Places were made available at local nurseries for children single parent trainees.

Each course lasted for 12 days and covered employment and job-finding skills, general retailing skills, and (more specifically) working for Sainsbury's. Targets were set for attendance, punctuality and work standards.

Following the course the trainees were able to apply for permanent jobs. The success rate was very good — almost 80 per cent compared with an average of 40 per cent from direct applicants.

"Our participation in the pre-recruitment courses helped us to meet local recruitment needs and extend equal opportunities while maintaining our high recruitment standards," explained Peter Cox.

In short, it was a training scheme from which everyone benefited — employer, employees and the local community.

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One solution for low morale: outward bound activities

Determination that reshapes futures

The West Midlands has plenty of stories of engineering companies which have gone down the drain in the last 10 years. Now, however, it is also possible to look at those organizations which survived to see what made them different.

In the case of Wade Couplings it was by dint of a determined effort to reshape itself to sell new products to new markets. Established in Birmingham in the 1950s to make brass compression fittings, Wade found by the 1980s that its market was disappearing.

To combat this some early steps were taken to shift into the manufacturing of high pressure stainless steel fittings for, amongst other things, the off-shore oil and gas industry.

To deal with the problems new management was brought in and extensive market research undertaken. It also became apparent that the workforce, trained and experienced on working in brass, needed extensive retraining.

Not only were their technical skills in need of updating but the cohesiveness of the organization had been shot through by the atmosphere of uncertainty and anxiety in the company.

In a bold gesture it was decided to increase investment in training by 1,000 per cent as a way of showing to the workforce the commitment by management to this programme of change.

To achieve this a programme based on outward bound type activities was selected and the workforce, aged between 18 and 58, was taken off first to a comfortable country hotel and then to a four day outdoor exercise in the wilds of Northumberland.

The effect on people who, in the main, had been away from such demanding experiences for many years can be imagined. At first there was a degree of resistance but gradually as they got into the spirit of the programme a remarkable feeling of camaraderie and teamwork began to emerge.

The results, directly or indirectly attributable to the training, were substantial. Home sales increased by 40 per cent while export sales went up to more than twice their previous level. As for profitability, that went up over two years by a staggering 60 per cent. It just shows what training can do.



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Bringing home the bacon

The family-run firm D & R Stevenson Ltd needed skilled workers after modernizing its bacon-processing plant. The answer was YTS – and it brought home a National Training Award

The drive for a new car



Training strategy: all Peugeot 405 workers at the Coventry plant were given the chance of "getting the feel" of the new model

Launching a new car is a nail-biting exercise, and with quality under the closest scrutiny the performance of the workforce is just as important as the performance of the engine. What is more, the deadline of the launch date puts pressure on everyone. There is very little room for manoeuvre.

So once Peugeot management had taken the decision to build the 405 (code-named the D60) on the same track system as the 309 at its Coventry plant, it was obvious that a major training exercise would have to be planned.

What made it particularly challenging was that the 405 had to be introduced with no disruption to the 309 at a time when the workforce was being increased by half to undertake all the new work.

Because of the importance of training in the run-up to the launch, the manufacturing director took on the role of chairman of the committee set up to oversee its progress. There was a strong feeling that not only would technical skill training be necessary but that it was also important to create a broad sense of commitment to the success of the new product.

Probably the most imaginative feature of this strategy was the way all 2,300 members of the workforce was taken into the confidence of management and given a "D60 joins the Pride" product appreciation course, including the chance to sit in and get the feel of a pre-production model in a "showroom" setting.

On the technical side, an off-the-job simulated car assembly line was built where all operators were trained in the minimum of two jobs so as to provide adequate absence cover.

Extensive supervisory training was also given priority as part of the policy of reducing the supervisor-to-operator ratio from 35 to one to 20 to one.

At the end of the day, due to Peugeot's meticulous planning and the care with which training was integrated into the whole process, the 405 was launched as planned on time and without any disruption to 309 production.

In addition, high quality standards were achieved from the start, as confirmed by a research survey with hundreds of business and private buyers of the car.

What's more, the launch was introduced so efficiently that it actually saved Peugeot almost £500,000 on its expected costs. In short – a real NTA winner's performance.

Foreign languages get an airing

Britain's poor record on learning foreign languages is well-known. But some of the country's more progressive businesses are now waking up to the consequences. The Industrial Languages Unit at North Manchester Community College, a training provider, has found an increasing demand for its translating, interpreting and teaching services.

One of its earliest clients was British Airways for whom it ran short courses in French as far back as 1983. However, in 1986 British Airways decided to extend the coverage of these courses to include crew based in Birmingham, Belfast and Glasgow as part of the company's overall programme for improving the quality of customer care.

"British Airways has set itself the goal of being the best airline in the world," explained Vivienne Jarvis, a training executive with BA, "and to be able to achieve this we need to offer the best customer service in the world.

"Better language skills play an important part in developing the company's image as a caring world-favourite airline."

> Improved skills of the cabin crew has promoted goodwill towards the airline

At BA's request the Industrial Languages Unit developed a service which covered three main areas:

- **Course provision, which goes right from beginner's French through to "proficiency" standard, and includes the production of materials and the development of a self-study kit.**
- **A testing and refresher service, which links in with the payment of foreign language allowances so that the competence of cabin crew is tested and then retested through refresher sessions.**
- ***Administration.* On behalf of BA, the unit runs a Languages Training Centre at Manchester airport which co-ordinates all aspects of the provision of courses, monitoring of standards, arranging accommodation for training sessions and so on.**

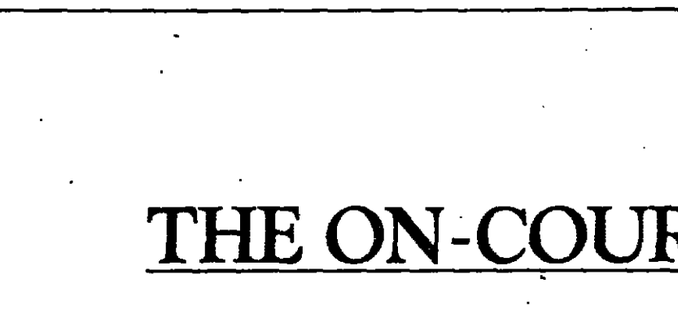
By providing this comprehensive package of training, assessment and administration, the Industrial Training Unit has made a strong contribution to BA's programme of human resource development.

The success of the scheme is undoubted. Even the least talented trainees make progress because the content of the language tuition is seen to be totally relevant to the jobs of the cabin crew, while the learning materials themselves are highly stimulating.

As Barry Aelion, a consultant at the unit, commented: "The improved language skills of the BA cabin crew staff has helped to promote goodwill towards the airline at a time when competition between rival carriers is increasingly rough."

So in the long-running war for the custom of the international traveller, North Manchester College's languages unit is BA's secret weapon.

How training helped us weather the storm



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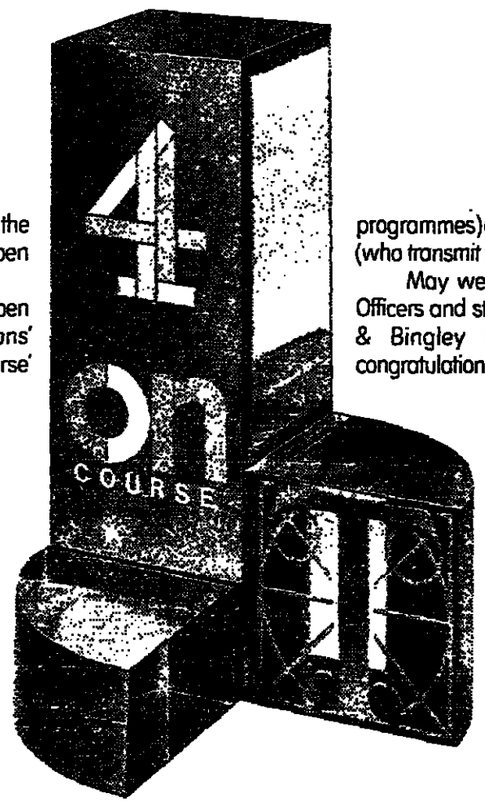
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New life, new pride

A northern workshop harnesses the skills of people who would once have have been considered incapable

BARRY GREENWOOD



The administration manager, Betty Fleming, observing disabled trainees repairing school furniture at Twig Lane workshop

"We discover talents previously unknown," said the manager of the Twig Lane Workshop for the Disabled at Huyton, Liverpool, "while the trainees enjoy the delight of learning a skill no one thought them capable of."

There is a clear moral for the outside world at the sight of people, whose disabilities have excluded them from the mainstream of life, and who are now restoring furniture thrown out by schools. Rejection has brought together the people and the discarded tables and chairs. The Twig Lane Workshop offers training that gives to both a new and fulfilling life.

The Twig Lane Workshop was set up in 1983 as a centre for the disabled to repair and refurbish old school furniture. Operating out of defunct school property owned by Knowsley Council, the project started with 10 people who, because of their disability, had neither work experience nor expectations of employment.

The aim of the workshop was to impart technical skills while also providing social integration. Five years later the workshop has 92 trainees and a first class reputation locally for producing high quality work.

So far as possible the workshop tries to operate under normal industrial disciplines. Where it is different, of course, is in taking people who might otherwise be underoccupied at home and giving them skill-training at what might be considered an impossibly high level. Optimism, however, is what drives the place.

"Each person develops at their own pace," explained a supervisor, "and we never assume that anyone is incapable of another step in the process."

Trainees are rotated through jobs, spending time with each of the supervisors as they learn wood and metal crafts and acquire varnishing and polishing skills. All of the supervisors are themselves qualified as skilled tradespeople. It is their training skills that lie at the heart of Twig Lane's success.

The shaping spirit of the workshop, however, comes from a respect for the individual and a sustained effort to build confidence and pride. By fostering these attitudes from an early stage, each individual is encouraged to achieve high standards. Part of the mission of the workshop is to give each repaired piece a deluxe finish so it emerges better than when it was new. Much the same might be said about what happens to the trainees.

The result is that as well as providing local schools with a first-class furniture-repair service, a high percentage of the trainees is able to get full-time jobs in the outside world, a remarkable transformation in people who had the odds against them — and all achieved through training.

How to teach directors a sense of true vision

At the Dowty chief executive's conference in March 1987 an announcement had the audience stirring in their seats. A new kind of training programme was to be set up. Not, this time, for operators of crafts people or even supervisors, but for the company's directors.

Paul Goddard, a training executive with the company, explained: "The aim of the programme was to encourage directors to take a much stronger lead and to have a more penetrating and visionary approach.

"The overall aim was to equip individuals with the know-how and confidence to make effective changes in the way that their organizations ran."

Dowty at this time was set on a course of change. The corporate goals were for the individual companies in the group to improve their competitive strategy and to move towards a more market-led approach. As part of this programme strategic units were set up in each company.

Tony Thatcher, Dowty's chief executive, and the other members of the main board, considered that work needed to be done in the fields of competitive strategy, financial management, marketing and leadership. Following the announcement at the chief-executives' conference, a series of courses covering these areas started in May last year.

Nine residential courses were held — five two-week directors' courses and four one-week managing and divisional directors' courses — involving 133 directors from across the world. To run such a high-level course, four external staff were recruited led by the group management-development director.

The emphasis throughout was on practical work relevant to Dowty and its objectives. The result was that participants had no doubts about its relevance, although the cross-fertilization of ideas between directors from different parts of the company (both from the UK and overseas) was regarded as important.

The immediate outcome of the training sessions was that each individual director prepared an Action Plan which was scrutinized by his or her peers in syndicates and then refined in conjunction with the group management committee. Dowty now has a more unified approach to budgetary control and project evaluation. And a clearer direction and sense of purpose has been communicated throughout the organization. Above all, people recognize that they are part of a process of change.



A training session under way at Dowty, the high-technology and electronics company

Travel challenge

Walking holidays might be considered the most extreme form of do-it-yourself vacations. However, to make the most of one, an experienced guide, a series of comfortable hotels, and someone to carry luggage is essential.

From small beginnings in the late 1970s the Alternative Travel Group came up with just this formula and now sends hundreds of guided groups each year across 12 different routes throughout Europe.

Though Alternative Travel was doing well in the early 1980s, the expansion of the company depended on its being able to recruit guides without diluting quality. Hard experience had shown the directors that this would not be easy. To continue growing successfully, it was necessary to be methodic in defining what they were looking for, then provide training so guides could be prepared for the varied problems they would face on their travels. The Alternative Travel solution combines selection and initial training in the same exercise.

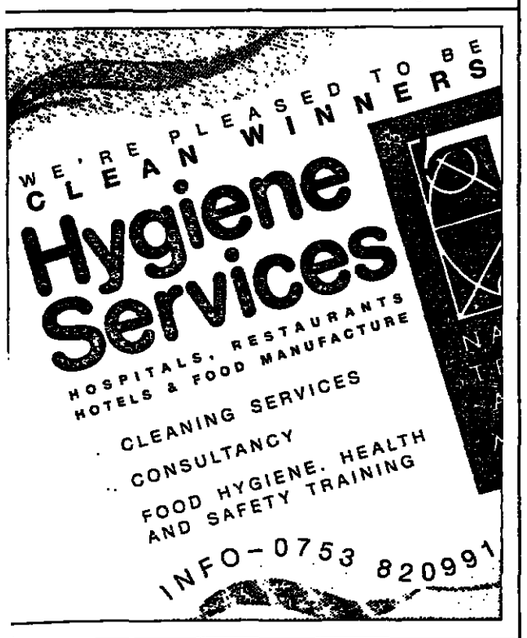
The company's application form examines how candidates respond to problems in the key areas of accountability, tact, initiative, consideration of others and the ability to think and act positively. Those who get through this written obstacle course are then brought on a four-day training-selection course.

This teaches new skills and is a chance for a detailed assessment of abilities and personalities.

By the end of the four days the participants have learned a lot, and for the 75 per cent who are subsequently offered jobs it has provided a sound base for future training.

The results of this new-style selection and training course have proved exceptional. Alternative Travel has become profitable.

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NATIONAL TRAINING AWARDS/8 **FOCUS**

The 'act of faith' that wins success

This year 1,500 organizations competed for the awards – and the standard of entry was higher that ever, making short-listing difficult. Behind it all lay long hours of careful planning by the entrants

Rather like the FA Cup Final, the announcement of the 80 winners of the National Training Awards 1988 represents the culmination of a protracted process which has a heroic quality to it – even to those who never get past the first round.

As all entrants will testify, completing the NTA entry form is not something you knock off in 20 minutes. It is a demanding exercise which requires careful thought and concentration.

For trainers in large organizations participation in the competition can be accepted as a genuine part of their job. But for many long hours it must have represented a real commitment to sit down and carefully construct an entry, backing it up with all the facts and figures and detailed descriptions of who did what, when, why and how.

Not to have won will be a great disappointment to many. To invest all that time and effort means that entrants have to be convinced that what they are doing is quite impressive.

In fact, the overall standard of entries seems to be considerably higher this year.

However, the judges say a number of entrants still do not appear to grasp fully the point that the NTA seeks to recognize training which has clear, and preferably quantifiable, benefits. Even so, to submit an entry – whether or not it is quite on target – is an act of faith in training which has to be respected.

This year, almost 1,500 organizations made that "act of faith". And from these a short-list of 120 high-quality entrants was selected by regional judges to go before the national judging panel for final assessment. When it came to the final day of the panel's proceedings some organizations missed winning by the shortest of heads.

Obviously it was the Category 1: Employing Organizations which attracted the greatest number of entrants. Of more than 1,000 employers about half were in manufacturing and rather less than half were service industries. Commerce came as a thin sliver of entries between these two.

London and the South-East contributed more than their fair share of entries as did the East Midlands, Yorkshire, Humberside and the northern-most region of England were light on numbers.

Among the 365 entrants to Category 2: Training Providers, again London and the South-East made a disproportionate number of entries. It was also perhaps significant that there were twice as many entrants from the private sector as from the public sector. This is a clear sign that there is still a long way to go to persuade local colleges and higher education institutions that they should have an important role as training providers to industry and commerce.

Category 3: Innovations in Training Methods and Media attracted a relatively small number of entries but with London and the South-East again providing a high proportion.

The fact that there are roughly 20 organizations in contention for each award is some indication of the quality that has already been established by the NTA.

But if that number were to double or even treble the organizers would, no doubt, still want more. Not for the greater glory of the competition, but the more organizations which feel they have an important training story to tell the more likely it is that Britain is making progress in the field of training.



Celebrating success: Norman Fowler, the Education Secretary (third from left), with the Sir Austin Pearce, the NTA patron (fifth from left), and representatives of the three Patron's Award winning organizations – Rolls-Royce plc, European Profiles Ltd and Quality Inspections Ltd



Celebrity turn: Sir Richard Attenborough with Archie Livingstone of Cummins Engine Co Ltd, winner of the Channel 4 *Business* award



Cashing in on training achievement: representatives of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society, winner of the Channel 4 *On Course* award

Tackling at last a problem that has existed too long

Finding job opportunities for members of the minority ethnic communities is a problem which is recognized by the awards.

Conventional classroom-based training would not have worked at **Anglo Oriental Foods**, of Woolwich, in south-east London, where the predominantly female Asian workforce is of mixed ages and languages. The company had decided to adapt its savoury food products – selling mainly to the Indian community – for the European palate, calling for new production methods.

With funding from the then Manpower Services Commission, training was based around a series of short group exercises directly relevant to the working environment and a "quality circle" approach provided support for supervisors. Output rose by 20 per cent and food-hygiene standards improved. The company has become an approved listed supplier to Marks & Spencer and is now associated with the Phileas Fogg Derwent Valleys Food group.

A Category 3 NTA winner, **Fullemploy**, provides vocational training predominantly for those of ethnic-minority origin, aiming to provide realistic off-the-job training. It introduced an office inititative course to give 10 full days of training in a simulated office environment, setting up a variety of situations to encourage trainees to be enterprising and self-reliant. The trainees' overall performance went up, standards became higher and they achieved good results in RSA and Pitman examinations. Eighty per cent found jobs.

Virtually all charities and agencies such as Fullemploy, Save the Children and the NSPCC, work under great pressure arising from shortages of money and staff. Their success demands creative management. But who can train the managers? **IBM United Kingdom** provides one of the few training courses for top executives working for charities. Their creative-management skills course provides a five-day residential programme for directors and senior managers of not-for-profit agencies.

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Several state-owned, or recently denationalized, industries are among the NTA winners. **British Steel's Llanwern Works** was recognized for dealing with a difficult problem of introducing a new continuous casting machine. It needed to transfer selected operatives to commission and operate the new plant. Meanwhile these workers had to be replaced on the traditional process in order not to lose production, which involved recruiting and training temporary staff.

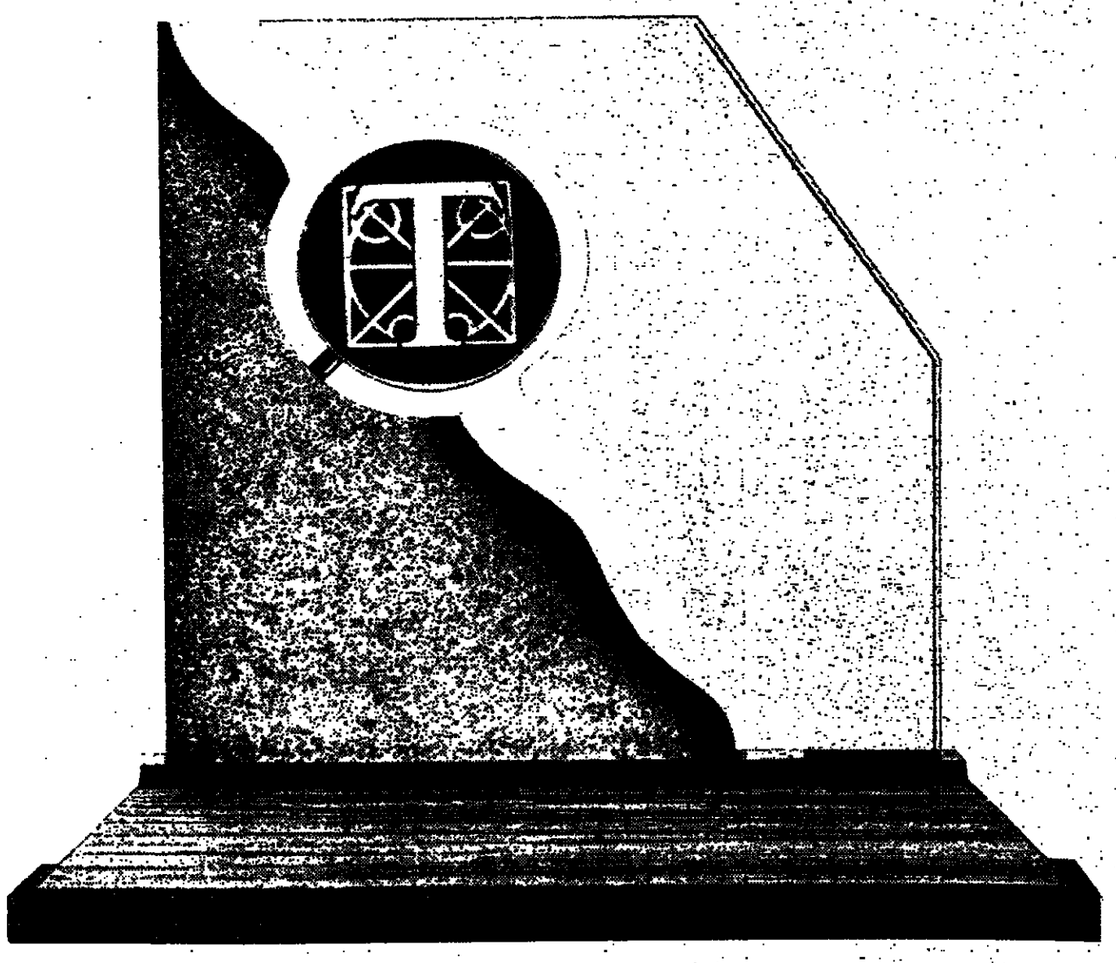
An 11-week training programme was devised for 56 new recruits and 120 existing operatives. Yield, quality and cost were maintained and productivity increased by more than 7 per cent.

The East Midlands region of **British Gas** decided to shift the direction of its "regular service" business away from large contracts and towards an increase in smaller domestic work. This called for extensive training in inter-personal skills and selling techniques for telephone bureau and customer service staff. I

"Business development" days were run for higher and middle managers (in order to get a cascade effect). Selling skills courses were introduced for telephone staff. Meanwhile "improving present performance" workshops were run for engineering and administration staff. Contract values of the business more than tripled and market penetration rose.

Further north, the **Northumbria Ambulance Service** has become the first county to be accredited for the National Heath Service Training Authority's new training programme for ambulance staff. Some of the most important care can be given by ambulance staff from the moment the patient is picked up. It is believed that up to 235 lives will be saved annually in Northumbria because of the new skills acquired by the crews which, once trained, are required to re-qualify annually.

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The College proposes to elect a Tutorial Fellow in Economics with effect from 1 October 1989. The post will be held in conjunction with a similar university lectureship (CUF); the full stipend associated with such a lectureship will be met by the College. The similar lectureship may at a later date be converted into a stipendiary university post, though there is no commitment to do so. As is normally the case with a university lectureship; the appointment will be for five years in the first instance.

If the College so wishes, the tutorial fellowship may be offered for a fixed period of four years, without association with a university lectureship.

Applications with a curriculum vitae and the names of two referees should be sent to the College Registrar, St. Anne's College, Oxford OX2 6HS, from whom further information may be obtained, to reach her not later than 6th January, 1989.

NUFFIELD COLLEGE, OXFORD
GUARDIAN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited from journalists and management staff members (men and women) in newspapers, periodicals, or broadcasting for the Guardian Research Fellowship tenable for a year or less during 1989-90. Research or study proposals should be directly related to experience of working in the media. Particulars from the Warden's Secretary (Room CS.GRF), Nuffield College, Oxford OX1 1NF.

Applications by 23 January 1989.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

1989 BEIT MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

Applications are invited by the Trustees, for up to six Beit Memorial Fellowships for Medical Research. One or two of the Fellowships will be awarded to a candidate whose research proposals are judged to reach the appropriate standard and to bring benefit to the inhabitants of Zimbabwe, Malawi or Zambia, but separate application is not required. The salary will be in the range of a Lecturer or Clinical Lecturer, according to age, previous experience and qualifications of the applicant, (maximum starting salary in the range of £10,480 - £14,015). There will be the usual university superannuation contributions and benefits. Some research expenses may be granted on application.

In conformity with the conditions under which the Fellowships were first established, every Fellow shall be a man or woman of any nationality whatsoever who at the date of election shall have taken a degree in any faculty in any University approved by the Trustees in the U.K. or in any country which is or has been since 1910 a Dominion, Protectorate or Mandated Territory of the Crown. Elections to the Fellowships are rarely made above the age of 35 years.

Candidates must submit written evidence that they will be given accommodation in the department where they propose to work which must be in Great Britain or Ireland and their research proposal must be agreed with and confirmed in writing by the Head of the Department.

Forms of application and all information may be obtained by writing to Miss D Billington, Admin. Secretary, Beit Memorial Fellowships for Medical Research, The School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AX.

Completed application forms must be received by March 16th, 1989.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

VICENTE CANADA BLANCH FELLOWSHIPS

One Senior and one Junior Vicente Canada Blanch Fellowship will be available for tenure from October 1989. Applications must be received on or before 1 April 1989 by the Scholarships Office, Room 21A, Senate House, London WC1E 7HU, from which further information should be obtained.

The Fellowships have the object of promoting the study of the civilisation and culture of Spain, and are open to graduates of any university for research in Spain in any recognised academic subject.

The value of the Senior Fellowship is £5,000 and preference is given to postdoctoral candidates. The value of the Junior Fellowship is £3,500, and candidates must be engaged in or prepared to undertake a postgraduate course of study approved by the Committee of Award. Travel costs may be met up to a maximum of £400 in the case of both Senior and Junior Fellowships.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
University Lecturership in Management Studies

Applications are invited for the above post. Stipend according to age on the scale £9,985 - £20,815. The post will be held jointly with a Fellowship at Templeton College.

The main University duties will be giving lectures and tutorials in connection with courses in Management Studies, with an emphasis on supervision and support for projects in the undergraduate school of Engineering, Economics and Management. Preference may be given to candidates in Operations Management (including Production Management), Marketing or Accounting, but any field of Management may be considered.

Details of the University and Templeton College post may be obtained before 22 December from Mrs. M. Oldford, Social Studies Faculty Centre, George Street, Oxford, OX1 2RL, to whom applications (nine typed copies, one from overseas candidates) should be sent by Wednesday, 4 January 1989. There is no application form.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Applications are invited for the following posts in the Department of Architecture:

1. Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Architecture
Applicants should possess recognised qualifications for membership of an appropriate professional institute. Academic and research experience would be an asset. The appointee would be required to teach Architectural Design and one of the following subjects: Building Construction; Environmental Technology; Landscape Architecture; Computer-aided Architectural Design, in any of the five years of the B.A. (Arch. Studies) and B.Arch. curricula and in the Master of Urban Design programme. Other academic and administrative duties will vary according to the needs of the Department.

2. Lecturer in Architecture Applicants should possess qualifications for membership of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects/Royal Institute of British Architects or their equivalents in their own countries. A higher degree in Architectural Design or History would be an asset. The appointee must have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of architectural design and should be capable of teaching architectural history and theory in the curriculum in addition to teaching architectural design in any of the five years of the B.A. (Arch. Studies) and B. Arch. curricula and in the Master of Urban Design programme. Other academic and administrative duties will vary according to the needs of the Department.

All applicants should indicate clearly which post (preferably with post number) they wish to be considered for.

Annual salaries (superannuable) are on the scales: Senior Lecturer: HK$311,400 -418,380 (9 points) (approx. £22,240 - £29,880); Lecturer: HK$200,340 - 334,860 (11 points) (approx. £14,310 - £23,920). (Sterling equivalent as at November 11, 1988). Starting salary will depend on qualifications and experience. At current rates, salaries tax will not exceed 15.5% of gross income. Children's education allowances, leave, and medical benefits are provided; housing or tenancy allowances are also provided in most cases at a charge of 7.5% of salary.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Appointments Officer, Association of Commonwealth Universities, 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, UK, or from the Appointments Unit, Registry, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
Closes 16 February 1989.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Department of Physical Education and Sports Science in conjunction with The Sports Council

DIRECTOR

Institute of Sport and Recreation Planning and Management

Applications are invited for the post of Director of the newly established Institute of Sport and Recreation Planning and Management. The aims of the Institute are to promote education, training, and research in these fields. The Director will be responsible for developing and marketing the programme of the Institute, and for managing its staff.

Applicants should be graduates in one or more of: planning, economics, human geography, psychology, sociology, management, business studies, social policy, or recreation management/leisure studies. They should have a proven track record in research, training or management in sport and recreation. The ability to attract research funding is essential.

The post will be funded for the first five years by the Sports Council and thereafter by the University.

Appointment to the Directorship will be on the Senior Lecturer scale £20,270 - £22,910.

Further particulars and an application form may be obtained from the Establishment and Staffing Officer, quoting ref. 88/38 PS.

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UNIVERSITY OF SURREY
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES FOR TOURISM AND HOTEL INDUSTRIES

LECTURER IN RETAIL MANAGEMENT

An opportunity exists to join the teaching and research team at Surrey working in the field of service industries management. Present members of the team are making important contributions in scholarship and research at both a national and international level. The successful candidate will be encouraged to develop the teaching of retail management and will be expected to contribute to research and consultancy projects in this area.

Suitable candidates for the above post will be well qualified academically and possess management experience in industry.

Salary will be in Lecturer range £9,260 - £19,310 per annum, according to age, qualifications and experience. Superannuation under USS conditions.

Further particulars are available from the Academic Registrar, University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 5XH, or telephone Guildford (0483) 509279. Applications in the form of a curriculum vitae, (2 copies), including the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent to the same address by 16th January 1989, quoting reference 777.

UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The University invites applications for a new post of Development Director responsible for the planning and management of a long-term fundraising campaign.

The appointment is, initially, for a three year period. The salary is negotiable but will be not less than £20,000 pa.

Application forms and further details available from Establishment Office (quoting reference L 446/A) University House, Bailrigg, Lancaster LA1 4YW, where applications should be received by 9 December 1988. Informal enquiries to Mr G.M. Cockburn, University Secretary, tel: 0524 65201, ext 4208.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
CHAMBERS STUDENTSHIP IN ENGLISH LITERATURE

For graduate studies in English Literature or to read English as a second honour school, and comparable in value to a Major State Studentship. Candidates must have read Latin or Greek (or both) at university and be competent in both. They must have graduated from a university in the British Isles with an honours degree in a subject other than 'single honours' English. No age limit. Tenable from 1 October 1989. Further particulars and application form from Secretary of the Board of Management of the Chambers Bequest, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD (telephone 0865-270081). Closing date Friday 30 December 1988.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Applications are invited for 2 newly established Chairs in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Chair in Dynamics & Control

The subject of the Chair is within the broad field of dynamics and control. The successful candidate will have a proven record of research activity in the analysis of mechanical systems and in the application to them of modern control techniques.

The University is seeking a person thoroughly acquainted with the practical problems of industrially based systems rather than a pure theoretician.

It is expected that the interests of the person appointed will integrate with those of other vigorous research groups in the Department including high speed machinery, mechatronics, optical engineering and IC engine development.
(Ref. ME/DC.)

Chair in Optical Engineering

Applicants should have a proven research record in fields associated with the principles and applications of laser optics to engineering problems. An ability to interface with industry and generate collaborative research programmes is essential.

The successful candidate will assume leadership of a vigorous and growing group of research workers tackling a wide range of projects from low power metrology to high power materials processing.
(Ref. ME/OE.)

The appointments will be at a salary within the professorial range (current minimum £23,380, average £28,820, but subject to review).

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar (Academic & General), quoting appropriate reference. Applications should be returned by 27 January 1989.

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UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA
Norwich

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP AIDS RESEARCH PROJECT IN UGANDA

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGIST

The Overseas Development Group (ODG) of the University of East Anglia invites applications for the post of social anthropologist to carry out research on community coping mechanisms in the face of exceptional demographic change in Uganda.

The successful applicant's task will be to research how individuals, households and communities cope with the direct and indirect effect of AIDS in areas of high HIV-prevalence in rural Uganda, and to contribute to the development of selected intervention methods.

Applicants should possess a higher degree in a relevant social science, and should have some previous research experience, preferably in Africa. Knowledge of agricultural systems would be an advantage.

The appointment will be for 12 months, and the salary for the post will be determined by qualifications and experience, and will be on an appropriate point of the lecturer scale, plus Foreign Service Allowances.

Letters of application for this post, to arrive by December 20, should be sent direct to: The Administrative Secretary, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ, enclosing a full curriculum vitae.

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UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

DEAN OF MEDICINE

The University of Leicester is proceeding to the appointment of a successor to Sir Robert Kilpatrick, CBE, who will become the President of the General Medical Council in 1989 and will retire from the Deanship of Medicine and from the University in September 1989.

It is anticipated that the next Dean will be a Clinician with considerable experience of administration. The successful candidate will also be appointed to a Clinical Chair in the School of Medicine and will be expected to play a major leadership role in the University and in its School of Medicine, while maintaining the important links which exist with both the Regional and District Health Authorities.

Anyone wishing to make recommendations in connection with this post is invited to write in confidence to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. K.J.R. Edwards, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH, if possible by December 16th, 1988.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
The Queen's College

OFFICIAL FELLOWSHIP AND PRAELECTORSHIP IN MODERN HISTORY

Applications are invited for an Official Fellowship and Praelectorship in Modern History with effect from 1 October 1989. The Praelector would be expected to teach 19th and 20th Century British history for the School of Modern History, the associated Joint Schools, and P.P.E. Other things being equal, a preference would be given to someone able to teach American History. The title of University Lecturer (CUF) may be conferred upon the holder of the Fellowship, but the full stipend associated with such a Lecturership and Fellowship will be met by the College unless or until the holder of the title is appointed to a stipendiary University Lecturership (CUF).

Further particulars may be obtained from the College Secretary, The Queen's College, Oxford, OX1 4AW to whom applications (eight copies or one from overseas candidates) should be sent not later than *16 January 1989.*

The Queen's University of Belfast

LECTURESHIP IN ENGLISH

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in English tenable from 1 October 1989 or such other date as may be arranged. The lecturer will be expected to make a substantial contribution to teaching and research in the field of Renaissance literature, especially Drama.

Appointment to the lectureship will be made, depending on age, qualifications and experience, at one of the first five points on the scale for lecturers Grade A: £9,621, £9,867, £10,461, £11,070, £11,682, rising to £14,502 with eligibility for USS. The appointment will be subject to a period of probation of up to three years.

Further particulars (please quote ref. 88/T) are available from the Personnel Officer, The Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT7 1NN. Closing date: 16 December, 1988. The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Cranfield

Royal Military College of Science Shrivenham

BRITISH AEROSPACE CHAIR IN COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

Applications are invited for this new chair within the School of Electrical Engineering and Science. It is envisaged that the appointee will, in conjunction with British Aerospace and other Defence organisations including MOD, build up a substantial research group concerned with the engineering of complex, large-scale Command and Communications systems. Broad topics for investigation will include the development of suitable theories, analysis and design methods, and implementation strategies for Command and Communications systems, but it is anticipated that special emphasis will be placed on techniques associated with the early phases of the development cycle particularly system modelling, prototyping and requirements analysis and validation. The role of knowledge-based approaches to provide high-level command-oriented functions and of open system architectures to support interoperability will also be of significant interest. The Command aspects of the task also place an emphasis on the role and performance of the man-in-the-loop as part of the overall Command/Control function. A knowledge of the Human Factors and Man-Machine interface elements of complex systems is also extremely relevant. As such, these activities will build upon, and complement, the work of existing active research groups associated with Software Engineering and Military Communications.

It is the intention to build, at RMCS, a centre of excellence that can serve the wider defence community with research, consultancy and specialist courses.

Application form and further details may be obtained from the Personnel Office (HQ) RMCS Shrivenham Swindon Wilts SN6 8LA. Tel (0793) 785421 or 785403 quoting ref SEES 17/88. Informal enquiries, in confidence, to Professor Godfrey Townsend Tel (0793) 785231.

Closing date for applications 31 December 1988.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

CHAIR OF FINE ARTS AND ART HISTORY AND DIRECTORSHIP-DESIGNATE OF THE BARBER INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS

The University invites applications for a newly-created Chair of Fine Arts and Art History, to be filled from 1 October 1989, together with the Headship of the Department of Fine Arts and Art History (this latter to be held for five years in the first instance). The successful candidate will succeed to the Barber Chair of Fine Arts and the Directorship of the Barber Institute of Fine Arts (with responsibility for the Barber Library) on the retirement of the present Barber Professor and Director, Professor Hamish Miles, OBE, on 30 September 1990. The University seeks a scholar of high repute with competence in curatorial matters who will be able to build up Fine Arts and Art History at Birmingham to an international Standard.

The salary will be in the professorial range (minimum £23,570, permitted average £28,820) plus superannuation.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary (EB), University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT (telephone 021-414 4538, FAX 021-414 4534). The closing date for applications (2 copies) is 3 January 1989.

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University of Bristol

POSTS IN EARTH SCIENCES

Following the UGC's rationalisation of Earth Science departments in the U.K., the Geology department at Bristol is in the process of radical restructuring and expansion. The department's research interests will become oriented towards experimental and theoretical geochemistry, physical processes in the earth, sedimentary geochemistry and palaeontology.

Applications are invited for academic positions in all fields of the earth sciences which can be filled at senior lecturer, lecturer and research associate levels. Initially five appointments are anticipated, further particulars of which may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol, BS8 1TH, reference HGT, telephone (0272) 303975, FAX (0272) 732657.

Applications, including names of three referees, should be submitted by 23rd December, 1988.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES
University of London

LECTURESHIP IN ANTHROPOLOGY OF SOUTH ASIA

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in the Anthropology of South Asia, in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology. Applicants should have had some teaching and research experience and have completed a PhD. They would also be expected to have conducted fieldwork in South Asia (preferably India), to have knowledge of a South Asian language and to have published some of the results of their research. Preference will be given to candidates with an interest in Hinduism.

The appointment will date from 1 October 1989 or as soon thereafter as possible. It will be made on the Lecturer A scale (£9,260 rising by 9 increments to £14,500) or the Lecturer B scale (£15,105 rising by 6 increments to £19,310) depending on qualifications and experience, plus London Allowance currently £1,450 p.a. Membership of USS will be encouraged.

Further particulars and application forms are available from The Secretary, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG to whom applications should be submitted by 21 January 1989.

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Application forms and further details are available from:

The Personnel Officer
Leicester Polytechnic
P.O. Box 143
Leicester LE1 9BH.
Tel: (0533) 551551 Ext. 2303

Closing date: 8th December 1988.

University of Cambridge
Faculty of History

Applications are invited for a University Assistant Lectureship in the History of Political Thought from the late seventeenth century to the nineteenth century. Preference may be given to candidates whose special expertise lies in continental political theory of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The appointment will take effect as soon as possible.

The appointment will be for three years, with the possibility of reappointment for two years. The maximum tenure of a University Assistant Lectureship is five years, but all University Assistant Lecturers are considered for promotion to University Lecturer in the course of their tenure.

The scale of stipends for a University Assistant Lecturer, not ordinarily resident in College, is £10,460 a year, by seven increments to £14,300.

Further information may be obtained from the Secretary of the Appointments Committee for the Faculty of History, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9EF, to whom applications (10 copies), including a curriculum vitae and the names of three referees, should be sent. Closing date 14 December 1988.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
Institute of Engineering Design

SENIOR LECTURER IN DESIGN

The newly-formed Institute of Engineering Design, to which Professor Gordon Wray FRS, FEng has recently been appointed Director and Fellowship of Engineering Professor, has been established to teach Design at undergraduate, postgraduate and post-experience levels across the range of engineering disciplines.

Applications are invited for a Senior Lectureship within the inter-disciplinary Design team which is currently being formed. It is hoped to appoint an experienced graduate engineer who has been concerned with systematic comprehensive design across a wide field and preferably with some experience of CAD applications and the teaching of design. The appointee must be prepared to take on a leading role in furthering the aims of the Institute and be able to undertake research in design on a multi-disciplinary basis.

Salary on the Senior Lecturer scale (£20,270 - £22,910). Further details and an application form may be obtained from The Establishment and Staffing Officer, quoting ref. 88/39 DC.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited for a LECTURER IN MATHEMATICS. Candidates are welcome in any field of pure or applied mathematics, but preference will be given to those whose areas of research interest augment those already associated with the department. These include fluid mechanics, numerical analysis, computational mathematics, analysis (real, complex and functional), algebra and topology. Initial salary on the scale £9,280 - £13,365 + £1,450 London Allowance.

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LECTURESHIPS IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for four Lectureships in the Department of Economics. Candidates may have active research interests in any area of applied or theoretical economics. One post is a permanent post, and three are available for up to three years; enquiries from established lecturers seeking a visiting appointment are welcome.

Salary on the Lecturer Grade A scale: £9260 - £14500 pa or the Lecturer Grade B scale: £15105 - £19310 pa

Further particulars and applications forms from the Personnel Office, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL (0203 523027) quoting Ref No 16/2A/88/F (please mark clearly on envelope). Closing date for applications 22 December 1988.

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LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Chairs in Chemical Engineering

Applications are invited for two Chairs in the Department of Chemical Engineering. These established posts have become vacant on the retirement of Professors D.C. Freshwater F.Eng and J. Mann.

The successful applicants will be expected to undertake teaching and research. Current research activities in the Department include plant engineering, mixing and solid-fluid systems, particle technology, process technology, food engineering and biotechnology, heat and mass transfer.

The appointment will be at a salary within the professorial range (current minimum £23,380 average £28,820, but subject to review). A salary supplement may be available for one of these Chairs if the work of the successful candidate is in an area of interest to Esso UK plc.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar (Academic and General), to whom applications should be sent by 27 January 1989.

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UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
University Lecturership in Biochemistry

Applications are invited for the above post, to be *filled from 1 October* 1989. Stipend according to age on the scale £9,260 to £20,615, subject to review. The successful candidate will be a member of the Department of Biochemistry and will be considered for a Tutorial Fellowship by Lady Margaret Hall. Details of the University and College appointments may be obtained from Professor G. K. Radda, F.R.S., Department of Biochemistry, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3QU, to whom applications (eight typed copies, two from overseas candidates) should be sent by 10 January 1989.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
LECTURESHIP IN POLYMER PHYSICS

The Lecturer will undertake normal teaching duties and join in the research of the Polymer Group.
A commitment to the application of x-ray diffraction to structural problems is essential. Interest in neutron diffraction, electron microscopy, synchrotron radiation and infra-red spectroscopy would also be an added advantage. The research group intends to increase its activity in structural aspects of biological-polymers and liquid crystalline polymers.

The appointment will be on the salary scale for Lecturers, currently £9260-£19310 per annum.

For further details telephone Bristol 303136 (answerphone after 5pm) or write to the Personnel Office, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH. Please quote reference A85.

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Evidence corroborating rape charge

Regina v Pountney

Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Rougier

[Judgment November 9]

Where successive acts of rape were alleged to have been committed by different persons, evidence which would otherwise be capable of corroborating the complainant's account of rape number one did not become inadmissible or incapable of being such corroboration merely because it might also be capable of corroborating rape number two.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal against his conviction by Robert Wilfred Pountney at Birmingham Crown Court (Mr Justice French and a jury) on July 21, 1987 on a count of rape on which he had been sentenced to six years imprisonment.

Mr J. Andrew Fisher (assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the appellant; Mr William R. Wood for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE ROUGIER, giving the judgment of the court, said that the account of the complainant, a girl aged 17, was that the appellant and another man named Burns had taken her back to Burns's home after all three had been drinking together and that the appellant had then raped her and that in the course of the rape she had received an injury to her nose. An hour later Burns had raped her.

Among matters which the judge had dealt with in the course of his summing up as being capable of corroborating the complainant's evidence were: (1) marks on inner thighs, (2) mark on shoulder blade, (3) marks on arms, (4) injuries to nose, and (5) the victim's state when she left Burns's house.

The argument that had been advanced on the appellant's behalf was that those items, with the exception of the nose injury which, if there was such an injury, on any view happened during the first rape, should never have been so presented to the jury.

To summarise the appellant's argument it was contended that in view of the fact that there had been a later rape by Burns, the four features complained of were equally, if not more explicable by reference to the second act of rape, and therefore could not even be capable of amounting to corroboration of the first.

Alternatively, it was submitted that if the judge was justified in putting those features to the jury as being capable of corroboration of the case against the appellant, he had failed to point out with sufficient force to the jury that they were equally if not more capable of corroborating the case against Burns.

It seemed to their Lordships that the appellant's main argument confused matters of law with those of fact, and, if acceded to, would lead to a judge usurping the jury's function.

Even at first glance it appeared a somewhat startling proposition that had a female the misfortune to be raped by two men within a relatively short space of time, evidence which might corroborate her account, marks of violence for instance, could never be placed before the jury for that purpose.

In their Lordships' judgment, such evidence might be less likely to afford corroboration of either incident, but it did not thereby become less capable of doing so.

It had to be remembered that corroboration was independent evidence which "tends to show" that the crime had been committed by the accused: see *R v Baskerville* ([1916] 12 Cr App R 81). The phrase "tends to show" in the view of the court accorded with the proposition that the evaluation of the effect of such evidence was one of fact for the jury.

In circumstances such as the present it would almost invariably be incumbent on the judge to ensure that the jury had the possible alternative in mind and to direct them to consider that possibility.

And there might be extreme cases where one particular piece of evidence pointed so strongly towards corroboration of one incident that a judge, in his discretion, would feel justified in withdrawing it from the jury's consideration in relation to the other.

Applying the foregoing principle to the judge's summing up in relation to the four items of which complaint had been made, it seemed to their Lordships first, that the judge had been entitled to place all of them before the jury as being capable of corroborating the case against the appellant; and, second, that he had been at pains to point out, where appropriate, the need for the jury to consider whether those items might serve only to corroborate the case against Burns instead.

For those and other reasons the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Birmingham.

Court will not intervene in clinical judgment

Regina v Inner London Education Authority, Ex parte F

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment November 21]

Where a consultant psychiatrist was responsible for the care of a patient aged 15 in a hospital maintained by a health authority, it would be wholly inappropriate for the court to make an order, even for so short a period as seven days, restraining that authority from discharging him to the care of another health authority.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in refusing an interlocutory application for an order of *mandamus* restraining Wandsworth Health Authority from discharging the applicant patient from Springfield Hospital until after a further hearing, on November 28-30, of his proceedings by way of judicial review against Inner London Education Authority, the respondent authority.

Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC and Mr John Friel for the applicant; Mr Andrew Hillier for Wandsworth Health Authority; ILEA did not appear was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the applicant had resided in Springfield Hospital for over two years, and by the underlying application he sought an order against ILEA that it should arrange his transfer to a school for the deaf where there was a secure unit.

The present application was put forward on the ground that Dr Kitson, the consultant currently in charge of the applicant, was proposing to transfer him to the charge of the Riverside Health Authority (in whose catchment area the applicant's parents lived); and that when the underlying application had been before the court on November 17, Lord Justice Watkins had said that he would view with dismay any change in the status quo prior to November 28.

As against that, the court had to bear in mind that it could not be right to deprive Dr Kitson of his right to take such action as was dictated by his own best clinical judgment.

The Wandsworth Health Authority was hoping to place the applicant, with his mother's consent, in the Horton Hospital, which was run by the Riverside Health Authority; but if such consent were withheld, to make the appropriate application under section 2 or 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983 so as to enable such placement to be effected.

But whatever happened, it would not be right to make an order against the Wandsworth Health Authority. The application would therefore be dismissed, and leave would be given to the Wandsworth Health Authority to be joined as a party to the underlying application against ILEA.

Solicitors: Teacher Stern Selby; Capstick Hamer & Co, South Kensington.

Field is 'place' in Sunday trading law

Palmer v Bugler

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment November 9]

A field used for a car boot sale was capable of being "a place" for the purpose of section 58 of the Shops Act 1950 but before it could be proved that there was a contravention of section 47 by trading on a Sunday it was necessary that there should be evidence that persons selling there were doing so by way of retail trade or business.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held allowing an appeal by Derek Palmer by way of case stated by the Doncaster Justices against his conviction on July 8, 1988 of aiding and abetting the contravention of section 47.

Mr Colin Harvey for the appellant; Mr Simon Jack for Doncaster Borough Council.

MR JUSTICE PILL said that on Sunday August 30, 1987 environmental health officers of Doncaster Borough Council visited a car boot sale in a field adjoining the Hacienda, a large public house on the outskirts of Doncaster.

There were approximately 200 vehicles being used for the sale of articles some having stalls erected alongside. Those vehicles varied from box vans to cars and items exposed for sale included wood, windowframes, clothing and glassware.

The appellant was the owner of the Hacienda and had been operating a car boot sale there for some two years. He charged £3 for a car to enter and that allowed the owner to sell goods from his vehicle to the public. He said that no new goods or market traders were allowed on the site. There were usually 150 to 200 stalls or cars present.

The justices were of the opinion that:

(a) the field was "a place" for the purposes of section 58 as a car boot sale took place there every Sunday and that, regardless of who attended on any particular Sunday it was an occurrence which had a sufficient degree of permanence and regularity to constitute a place within the meaning of the Act;

(b) the words "retail trade or business" in section 58 should be given their normal meaning and they were entitled to conclude from the evidence that a retail trade or business was being carried on;

(c) a sale in those circumstances with a view to profit or making a gain was sufficient for it to be a sale by way of a retail trade or business;

(d) by arranging for the collection of a £3 fee from any seller the appellant had aided and abetted the selling of goods;

(e) each car owner on the appellant's property was an occupier of that place at that time for the purposes of the Act.

They found the offence proved and imposed a fine of £300 with £200 costs.

In his Lordship's view on the authorities cited the Hacienda field was capable of being a place within the meaning of that term in section 58.

What had to be established was whether retail trade or business had been carried on there. There might well have been trading but there was no direct evidence of it, the information laid alleging only that the appellant had aided and abetted "a person unknown being the occupier of a place where retail trade or business was carried on to contravene section 47 of the Shops Act 1950 in that the said place was unlawfully open for the serving of customers on a Sunday for the purpose of the sale of crockery and glassware".

There was another fundamental defect in that it seemed from the information that "the place" was clearly intended to be a car boot and the justices had not found it possible to hold that a car boot was a place.

For those reasons, his Lordship would allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, agreeing, said that the magistrates had found that the field was "a place" within the meaning of the Act but the difficulty was that the place referred to in the information was the boot of the car and there was not a sufficient degree of permanency in a car boot to constitute "a place".

Nor was there any evidence that the persons unknown were selling by way of retail trade or business.

Solicitors: Attey Bower & Jones, Doncaster; Mr William Bugler, Doncaster.

Club not liable to members in tort

Robertson v Ridley and Another

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Woolf

[Judgment November 8]

A members' club was not liable either in contract or in tort to its members in respect of injuries sustained by reason of the condition of the club's premises unless the rules of the club expressly so provided, and a provision in the rules that the chairman and secretary were responsible in law for the conduct of the club did not render them liable to the club's members in respect of such injuries.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr William Gardiner Robertson, a member of the Sale and Ashton-on-Mersey Conservative Club, from Mr Justice McCullough who on March 10 had given judgment for the defendants, Mr Clifford Ridley and Mr Lawrence Finch, the chairman and secretary of the club, in the plaintiff's action in negligence in respect of injuries sustained by reason of the condition of the club's premises.

Mr Michael Redfern for the plaintiff; Mr Geoffrey Tattersall for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that in *Prole v Allen* ([1950] 1 All ER 476, 477) Mr Justice Pritchard had held that the members of the committee of an unincorporated members' club owed no duty of care to the club's members in respect of the condition of its premises, but that the club steward, who was himself a member but had been appointed by the committee to be responsible for the premises, did owe such a duty.

His Lordship had reservations as to the correctness of that decision in respect of the liability of the steward. Rules of a club making the officers or committee responsible in law for the club did not impose any duty of care which was not otherwise imposed by the general law, although his Lordship would reserve the position as to whether duties specifically imposed on officers by the rules could give rise to such a duty of care.

The decision of the Court of Appeal in *Shone v Ministry of Works* ([1950] 2 All ER 228) provided a complete answer to the plaintiff's claim in contract.

He had, however, contended that the rules of the club, which provided that the chairman and secretary were "reponsible in law for the conduct of the club", created such a proximity or relationship *extra* the contract between the defendants and the plaintiff as to lay on the defendants a duty in tort to take reasonable care in relation to the condition of the club's premises.

His Lordship had no doubt whatever that the rules did not give rise to any such duty. It would need very clear words in the rules to impose such a duty, and the provisions making the defendants responsible in law for the club could not do so.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, concurring, said that the provisions making the defendants responsible for the conduct of the club referred to liability to comply with statutory requirements or possibly to third parties; on no view could it be said to impose any new duty to the members themselves.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF, agreeing, said that he did not have the same reservations as Lord Justice May as to the correctness of the decision in *Prole* regarding the liability of the steward.

Solicitors: Eden & Co, Manchester; Lace Mawer, Manchester.

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Romania find their old punch

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Good news for Wales and England came out of this match. After two years of endless troubles and humiliations Romania have re-emerged from the doldrums to recapture much of their old poise and punch.

On the evidence of their stirring performance against France on Saturday the Romanians — expected in Cardiff in about a fortnight's time and hosts to England in the spring — seem to have overcome the terminal decline affecting their rugby.

Dismissed 49-3 by France a year ago, a revitalized Romania came within a converted try of beating their former mentors and tormentors. France — as Jacques Fouroux, coach, was forced to admit — must count themselves lucky to have escaped defeat by one goal, one try and two penalty goals to one goal and two penalties after an epic struggle in the freezing cold.

Romanian players heeded the advice of their coach, Theodor Radulescu, who had asked them to ignore the fearsome reputation of their visitors. They started the game without any inferiority complex and challenged France up front with grim single-mindedness.

The French were taken aback by the ferocity of the Romanian onslaught. They were outjumped, out-tackled, out-rucked and at stages looked rattled. The Romanian pack, with Dumitras, Ciorescu, Ion, Doja and Murariu outstanding, made the conquerors of the Pumas look tamed.

However, the Romanians failed to capitalize on their pressure. Their outside half, Ignat, whose normal kicking accuracy is well above average, had a poor afternoon and missed three eminently kickable penalties. With the two packs locked into an increasingly harsh guerrilla battle it was the lethal genius of Serge Blanco who, again, made the difference between success and failure and ultimately was responsible for the French win.

With the Romanians besieging the French half the wizard materialized out of nowhere, stole a ball from the hands of a bewildered Romanian, then vanished with it into a whirl of dummies, sidesteps and short bursts of speed to re-emerge behind the Romanian posts. It was his 23rd international try — a French record.

Minutes later he counter-attacked from deep to carve a big chunk out of the Romanian defence and put Lagisquet through for the second French try. The Romanians battled bravely and bounced back with a try by their lively scrum half, Neaga.

The French seemed to contest it but Mr Norling, who stands no nonsense, was on the spot. It was the first try scored against the French in three internationals.

SCORERS: Romania: Try: Neaga. Penalty goal: Ignat (2). Conversion: Ignat. France: Tries: Blanco, Lagisquet. Penalty goal: Berot (2). Conversion: Berot.

ROMANIA: M Toader; L Hodorca, N Fulina, A Lungu, N Racean; G Ignat, D Neaga; G Leonte, G Ion, G Dumitrescu, A Radulescu (rep: T Orolan), S Ciorescu, H Dumitras, F Murariu (capt), I Doja.

FRANCE: S Blanco; P Berot, P Sella, M Andrieu, P Lagisquet; F Mesnel, H Sanz; L Armary (rep: E Dalmasso), P Ondaris, J P Garuet, E Champ, J Condom, T Devergie, M Cecillon, L Rodriguez (capt).

Referee: C Norling (Wales).

Campese epitomizes thought and action in perfect harmony

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Barbarians	22
Australians	40

The dancing master underlined twice at Cardiff on Saturday the autograph he has written all over the ninth Australian touring party.

On the ground which had previously denied him a try, David Campese scored twice, the second in injury-time which ensured that the Wallabies left Britain with the kind of flourish denied them on entry. "It was almost choreographed," Bob Dwyer, their coach, said.

If this has been anyone's tour it has been Campese's. He appeared in nine of the 13 matches, scored 12 tries and provided an example of involved wing play which should be a shining beacon to any aspirant fortunate enough to watch him.

One cameo stands out from the tour finale, when he wove into midfield and Sole, arms raised, was poised to crush him — except when he descended, Campese was no longer there; thought and action in perfect harmony.

His first try had 'Made in Australia' stamped on it: when the Barbarians expected a loop between Lynagh and Walker behind a scrum, Lynagh feinted a big crossfield pass, then popped up a short one to Campese, coming in on his shoulder. The wing was not touched as he crossed under the posts.

His second was all his own: the Barbarians lost possession some 45 metres out and Campese, served by Farr-Jones, his captain, glided past three would-be tacklers in a style reminiscent of Barry John, although Campese's running is somewhat more exaggerated.

If the contest as a whole was slightly less than satisfying, such pure skill was ample compensation. The Australians left for Italy yesterday having packed away victory by five goals, a try and two penalty goals to three goals and a try, the first time any side has scored 40 points in this traditional finale to a major tour, sponsored on Saturday by the Royal Bank of Scotland.

They led 18-6 at half-time and although the Barbarians reduced a 31-12 lead to 31-22 with two tries in two minutes in the final quarter, the Wallabies were never in serious danger of losing.

The Australians caught the scratch side cold with two tries in the first 12 minutes and so dominated the third quarter, notably at the lineout, that the match was gone beyond repair — and with it one or two illustrious reputations among the Barbarians which will require repair during the five nations championship if prospective Lions are to become an actual pride.

In a match such as this the touring side has an obvious advantage but everything we have come to expect from Australians was there: the loops, the dummies, the accurate passing which completely opens up the field, the support play not only of the back row but such tight forwards as Frawley and the Lawton brothers of whom Rob, the younger, left the field in injury-time with ruptured cruciate ligaments in his right knee. He will miss Italy and flies home as soon as the arrangements can be made.

The Barbarian response came in patches: from Norster, Robinson and Smith who were the pick of the side. But they lacked the precision of their opponents, they played too much of the game sideways, the tackling was less than deadly

They were fortunate to have troubled the scorer before the interval, Duncan's try coming at the end of a 50-metre run after Ring had intercepted a pass between Farr-Jones and Gourley.

At that stage Miller had finished off an intricate move between Lynagh, Walker and Leeds, and Niuqila had showed surprising strength coming in from the blind-side wing to make the line from Walker's pass. Failure to control the ball at a five-metre scrum gave Farr-Jones a soft score, his third of the tour.

Hastings ran well for his try which was sandwiched between Campese's first, a Lynagh penalty and Tuynman dropping over from a lineout.

The Barbarian response was whole-hearted: Paxton was brought down by a magnificent cover-tackle from Gourley, Laity performed strongly under pressure and Robinson deserved his try from a loose Australian lineout.

The Barbarians ran the restart back, Davies gathered his own chip ahead and Laity sent Underwood away on his only decent run of the match before the Neath centre received the return to score.

It was sad to hear the crowd booing Lynagh's second penalty which, at that stage of a match the Australians had no intention of throwing away, was a good tactical decision by Farr-Jones. But no applause, either from the crowd or his own colleagues, was too much for Campese as he walked back after his second try.

Earlier he had made a superb run from halfway, ball clutched in one hand, only to drop it 10 metres short; he walked back with a rueful grin. That, too, is Campese: rugby with a smile and how much pleasure his ability has given us these last six weeks.

SCORERS: Barbarians: Tries: Duncan, Hastings, Robinson, Laity. Conversions: Hastings (2). Australians: Tries: Campese (3), Miller, Niuqila, Farr-Jones, Tuynman. Conversions: Lynagh (5). Penalties: Lynagh (2).

BARBARIANS: A G Hastings (London Scottish and Scotland); M D F Duncan (West of Scotland and Scotland), C Laity (Neath), M G Ring (Cardiff and Wales), R Underwood (Leicester and England); J Davies (Llanelli and Wales), R N Jones Swansea and Wales); D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals and Scotland), S J Smith (Ballymena and Ireland), D Young (Cardiff and Wales), P W Matthews (Wanderers and Ireland, capt), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers and England), R L Norster (Cardiff and Wales), R A Robinson (Bath and England), I A M Paxton (Selkirk and Scotland).

AUSTRALIANS: A J Leeds (New South Wales); A S Niuqila (NSW), M T Cook (Queensland), L F Walker (NSW), D I Campese (NSW); M P Lynagh (Queensland), N C Farr-Jones (NSW, capt); R Lawton (Queensland), T A Lawton (Queensland), A J McIntyre (Queensland), J S Miller (Queensland), S A G Cutler (NSW), D Frawley (NSW), S R Gourley (NSW), S N Tuynman (NSW).

Referee: G Maurette (France).

CHRIS COLE



In his grasp: Gourley, of Australia, wins the lineout as Paxton and Tuynman stretch in vain

Disciplined approach by Bath

By Peter Bills

Bath	16
Wasps	6

Bath's blueprint for sustained success at club level was explained only partially, in lecture form, at Twickenham yesterday. What England's other clubs will not have heard was the Bath captain, Stuart Barnes, pinpointing a crucial turning point in his side's development. That moment came in the unlikely environs of Leiden, The Netherlands, during a pre-season tour in August.

Bath were engaged in a bloody battle against the French club, Toulon. For 20 minutes, explained Barnes, the forwards fought as though engaged in trench warfare. By the end of that spell the new captain called his side together.

"I told them we were a much better side. But fighting Toulon was not getting us anywhere. So we decided to let them punch and kick while we concentrated on rugby."

Bath converted a 3-3 scoreline into a 28-9 win. So, when Wasps came out for Saturday's important League match in abrasive manner — Rigby and O'Leary receiving official warnings in the early minutes — Bath concentrated solely on their own game, taking control through legal means.

This has been a fundamental difference between the 1988 Bath and previous teams. Their discipline and control was significant: it was hard and sometimes bitter, but no more. In the past, full-scale fights might have ensued.

That factor, coupled with the streetwise knowledge of the home side, decreed that Wasps could submit only brave defence as an antidote to Bath's scrummage power and drive around the fringes. It never looked likely to be enough.

A penalty try from a collapsed scrum, its conversion, and a penalty, within four minutes early in the second half, settled it. Barnes, however, believed his side had not had a harder game this season. Wasps' will and determination was always apparent, despite the crushing psychological blow induced by the absence of Andrew through injury. Lozowski made a brave job of an unfamiliar role, but inevitably failed to launch his line as Andrew may have done.

But the surprise for Wasps was the pressure to which their front row was subjected. Wasps' desire for quick, second-phase ball was frustrated as Bath cleverly got hands around the man in ruck and maul. It was not the only example of wiry old players plying their trade, much of it to the consternation of the referee.

Mr Davies felt the shenanigans in the front row spoiled the match, but he should not blame himself. Even the Gods probably quake in fear at the thought of arbitration of the front row union.

SCORERS: Bath: Try: Morrison; penalty try. Conversion: Barnes. Penalties: Barnes (2). Wasps: Penalties: Pilgrim (2).

BATH: A Lumsden; A Swift, J Palmer, J Guscott, F Sagoo; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, R Lee, J Morrison, N Redman, K Withey, J Hall, D Egerton.

WASPS: S Pilgrim; S Smith, F Clough, P Mayhan, M Bailey; R Lozowski, S Bates; P Rendall, A Simmons, J Probyn, C Pinnegar; S O'Leary, M Rigby, D Pegler, J Ellson.

Referee: G Davies (Liverpool).

Whistle blown on Bristol recovery

By Bryan Stiles

Rosslyn Park	18
Bristol	16

As Graves, the Rosslyn Park full back, stepped up to take his last shot at goal, he knew that the referee would blow for time as soon as the ball landed and that not only the outcome of the match, but probably the first division survival of his team, depended on his accuracy.

His coolness and accuracy stood the test, and the way his team-mates did a victory jig must have convinced their supporters that they will not be making a quick return to the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Graves collected 10 points in a victory by two goals and two penalties to one try and four penalties. It was a win that Park seemed to have thrown away as they allowed a 15-6 advantage to turn into a 16-15 deficit during a spirited Bristol comeback.

A murky, raw afternoon in Roehampton may seem a far cry from the heat of the Middle East, but Bristol followers might have been forgiven for feeling that their team had lost, not because of Graves' kicking skills, but because the lure of the sun proved too great a temptation for three of their players.

One of the three, their stand-off, Hogg, had returned from the Dubai sevens in time to play, but Bristol decided to stick to the stand-in, Tainton. It was a decision they probably regretted, as Hogg's experience would undoubtedly have enabled them to press home the overwhelming advantage they enjoyed in the second half. Park decided to risk playing Wyles, their centre who took part in the sevens tournament, and he contributed in no small measure to their victory.

Because of his business commitments, Bristol were also without their England scrum half, Harding, who would have exerted a steadying influence when they were under pressure during a first half that belonged to Park.

Hunter set up Park's first try with a fine break which let in Nelson-Williams in the tenth minute. He collected the second himself when he burst through and won the touchdown when an awkward bounce eluded the unfortunate Tainton. Graves converted both and kicked a penalty. Webb replied with two penalties to give Park a 15-6 lead at the interval.

Bristol's forwards were much more effective in the second half. They set up a try for Phillips and then Webb kicked two penalties which seemed to make the game safe until Graves took the final kick.

SCORERS: Rosslyn Park: Tries: Nelson-Williams. Hunter. Conversions: Graves (2). Penalties: Graves (2). Bristol: Try: Phillips. Penalties: Webb (4).

ROSSLYN PARK: J Graves; S Hunter, K Wyles, A Dent, R Nelson-Williams; S Smith, A Woodhouse; P Essenhigh, D Barrett, J Reid, T Hyde, S Foulds, S Dear, M Hill, K Schuler.

BRISTOL: J Webb; J Carr, P Hull, J Wasson, H Duggan; M Tainton, J Davis; C Phillips, D Palmer, J Doubleday, A Dun, M Skuse, A Blackmore, G Crane, W Hone.

Referee: Dr J Coulson (Northumberland).

Inspired Moseley dump Liverpool

By Michael Austin

Moseley	18
Liverpool St Helens	15

The voracious appetite and driving force of Moseley's pack took Liverpool's breath away and sent them slithering down the Reddings infamous slope towards the quicksand of relegation from the Courage Clubs Championship first division on Saturday.

Definitive figures were few but Johnson, and Robson, Moseley's half backs, rose above the mish mash of mistakes in what might have been David Protherough's final game as club coach.

Instead of riding off into the sunset to become the RFU's technical administrator for the Midlands, Protherough has changed his mind and now anticipates a new dawn for Moseley's young side.

Three flashes of inspiration forced Liverpool to exchange places with Moseley at the bottom of the table. Johnson produced a try-cover tackle on Shinwell, Robson caught a steepling kick from Wellens under his own posts and, finally, James scored the decisive try with a purposeful 25-yard dash when nine minutes remained.

Liverpool led three times but their reliance on the dreaded penalty goal, Askew landing five from seven attempts, was paramount. With five tries in seven games, their scoring record is the poorest in the division.

Buckton's nomadic qualities, and Cusani's athletism, served Liverpool well

SCORERS: Moseley: Tries: Barr, James. Conversion: Arntzen (2). Penalties: Arntzen (2). Liverpool St Helens: Penalties: Askew (5).

MOSELEY: C Arntzen; A Parsons, C Smith, C Allen (sub: B Fenley), A James; A Johnson, S Robson; M Linnett, C Barber, G Smith, J Pullinger, R Denhardt, S Lloyd, R Barr, P Shillingford.

LIVERPOOL ST HELENS: A Askew; B Hanavan, M Davies, B Wellens, J Shinwell, A Simpson, D Morris; C King, K Rabbitt, A Edwards, N Allott, D Cusani, T Swann, P Buckton, G Hughes.

Referee: A Thomson (Manchester).

Magic from McAleese

By George Ace

Ballymena	35
Lansdowne	13

This clash between two of the top club sides in Ireland provided the kind of game which turns a winter afternoon into springtime: seven fine tries, two in the spectacular category, two mobile packs that displayed a spirit of adventure that avoided descending into recklessness and a virtuoso performance by the youthful Ballymena outside half, Derek McAleese.

McAleese went through the gambit of individual rugby scores in amassing 17 of his side's 35 points in a three goals, two tries, two penalty goals and a drop goal win, to one goal, one try and a penalty.

Lansdowne, the Leinster senior league champions, started at a brisk pace, were 10 points clear after only 15 minutes, but when they changed ends 12-10 down there was no way Ballymena were going to let them back into the match.

SCORERS: Ballymena: Tries: M Rainey, D Smyth (2), P Chambers, D McAleese. Conversions: McAleese (3). Penalties: McAleese (2). Drop goal: McAleese. Lansdowne: Tries: Clancy, O'Connell. Conversion: Dilger. Penalty: Dilger.

BALLYMENA: P Rainey; P Chambers, M Rainey, O Smith, D Smyth; D McAleese, R Brady (capt); B McKenzie, D Simson, P Millar, W Pollock, T Lowry, D Allen, D Smyth (sub: D McCartney). J O'Sullivan.

LANSDOWNE: F Dunlea; D O'Connell, F Dowling, B Poland, P Purcell; G Dilger (capt), A O'Sullivan; T Clancy, J Dawson, A McKeen, M Ryan, V Ryan, J Collins, C Quinn, K Byrne.

Referee: V Outram (Enniskillen).

● Steve Smith, the Ireland No. 1 hooker, who played for the Barbarians against the Australians on Saturday, is again named as substitute on the Ulster side, announced yesterday, to meet Munster at Limerick on Saturday. John McDonald is preferred.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

TOUR MATCH

Barbarians	22 Australia (at Cardiff)	40

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Romania 12, France 16 (Bucharest).

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

First division

Bath	16 Wasps	6

Bath: Try: Morrison. Penalty try. Con: Barnes. Pens: Barnes (2). Wasps: Pens: Pilgrim (2).

Leicester	21 Harlequins	31

Leicester: Tries: Hare, Kardooni, Underwood. Cons: Hare (3). Pen: Hare. Harlequins: Tries: Thompson, Ackford, Skinner, Moon. Cons: Thresher (3). Pens: Thresher (2). Dropped goal: Cramb.

Moseley	18 Lpool St H	15

Moseley: Tries: Barr, James. Cons: Arntzen (2). Pens: Arntzen (2). Liverpool St Helens: Pens: Askew (5).

Orrell	12 Nottingham	6

Orrell: Try: Winstanley. Con: Langford. Pen: Ainscough. Dropped goal: Ainscough. Nottingham: Pen: Hodgkinson. Dropped goal: Hodgkinson.

Rosslyn Park	18 Bristol	16

Rosslyn Park: Tries: Nelson-Williams, Hunter. Cons: Graves (2). Pens: Graves (2). Bristol: Try: Phillips. Pens: J.Webb (4).

Waterloo	15 Gloucester	15

Waterloo: Pens: Aitchison (5). Gloucester: Try: Hamlin. Con: Smith. Pens: Smith (3).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	7	7	0	0	170	51	14
Orrell	7	5	0	2	108	103	10
Gloucester	7	4	1	2	147	74	9
Leicester	7	4	1	2	148	125	9
Nottingham	7	4	1	2	95	76	9
Wasps	7	4	0	3	137	100	8
Bristol	7	4	0	3	93	66	8
Harlequins	7	2	0	5	114	134	4
Rosslyn Park	7	2	0	5	85	153	4
Moseley	7	2	0	5	57	168	4
Waterloo	7	1	1	5	94	130	3
Lpool St H	7	1	0	6	73	135	2

Second division

Blackheath	12 Saracens	24

Blackheath: Pens: Parker (3). Dropped goal: King. Saracens: Tries: Kennedy, McLagan. Cons: Kennedy (2). Pens: Kennedy (4).

Gosforth	16 London Scottish	14

Gosforth: Tries: Walker (2). Con: Clark. Pens: Clark (2). London Scottish: Tries: Corbett, Howe. Pen: Grecian. Dropped goal: Grecian.

Headingley	24 London Welsh	0

Headingley: Tries: Hargreaves, Pepper, Atkinson. Cons: Irving (3). Pens: Irving (2).

London Irish	18 Sale	18

London Irish: Try: Stevens. Con: Mullen. Pens: Mullen (4). Sale: Try: Pears. Con: Pears. Pens: Pears (4).

Northampton	42 Bedford	3

Northampton: Tries: Charles (2), Tebbutt (2), Pearce, Ebsworth, Packman. Cons: Ebsworth (4). Pens: Steele, Ebsworth. Bedford: Dropped goal: Vaudin.

Richmond	12 Coventry	3

Richmond: Try: Saccombe. Con: Livesey. Pens: Livesey (2). Coventry: Pen: Fairn.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	7	7	0	0	182	46	14
Coventry	7	5	0	2	106	78	10
Blackheath	7	3	1	3	128	79	7
Headingley	7	3	1	3	115	78	7
Northampton	7	3	1	3	115	90	7
London Irish	7	3	1	3	110	147	7
Bedford	7	3	1	3	80	151	7
Gosforth	7	3	0	4	115	149	6
Richmond	7	3	0	4	69	147	6
Sale	7	2	1	4	125	101	5
L Scottish	7	2	1	4	87	89	5
L Welsh	7	1	1	5	91	155	3

Third division

Fylde	16	Exeter	14
Nuneaton	16	Vale of Lune	6
Plymouth	57	Met Police	3
Rugby	44	Maidstone	3
Sheffield	17	Askeans	27
W Hartlepool	9	Wakefield	16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth	7	7	0	0	229	62	14
Wakefield	7	6	0	1	196	56	12
Rugby	7	6	0	1	199	68	12
Nuneaton	7	5	0	2	134	117	10
W Hartlepool	7	4	0	3	130	82	8
Exeter	7	4	0	3	103	81	8
Fylde	7	4	0	3	103	117	8
Vale of Lune	7	2	1	4	78	105	5
Sheffield	7	1	1	5	71	129	3
Askeans	7	1	0	6	76	171	2
Met Police	7	1	0	6	44	219	2
Maidstone	7	0	0	7	43	199	0

Area north

Lichfield	15	Durham City	9
Northern	21	Morley	9
Preston Grasps	13	Broughton Pk	30
Roundhay	79	Birmingham	0
Stoke	13	Stourbridge	3

Area south

Lydney	16	Havant	16
Redruth	15	Sudbury	0
Salisbury	9	Cheltenham	9
Sidcup	9	Camborne	20
Southend	19	Ealing	17

MIDLANDS: First division: Hereford 28, Wolverhampton 9; Mansfield 23, Solihull 11; Newark 3, Walsall 10; Stockwood Park 10, Derby 14; Westleigh 12, Barker's Butts 20. Second division east: Kettering 23, Lincoln 7; Leighton Buzzard 13, Moderns 6; Peterborough 78, Hinckley 3; Syston 13, Stoneygate 0. Second division west: Burton 7, Sutton Coldfield 21; Dixonians 16, Stafford 9; Old Yardleians 24, Newbold 12; Tamworth 3, Dudley Kingswinford 4; Worcester 15, Bedworth 33. East Midlands/Leicestershire: Belgrave 12, Aylestone St James 12; Loughborough 4, Long Buckby 10; Luton 14, Bedford Athletic 9; Northampton Trinity 28, Oadby Wyggestonians 12; Wellingborough 3, Wigston 9. North Midlands: First division: Kidderminster Carolians 4, Kings Norton 3; Lucasians 11, Bridgnorth 6; Malvern 35, Old Halesonians 21; Shrewsbury 14, Newport 9; Whitchurch 9, Evesham 10. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division: East Retford 23, Glossop 11; Kesteven 6, Chesterfield 13; Mellish 14, Amber Valley 10; Scunthorpe 28, West Bridgford 4; Stamford 4, Worksop 7. Staffordshire/Warwickshire: Leamington 4, Stratford 16; Nuneaton OE 3, Kenilworth 30; Old Leamingtonians 18, Willenhall 8; Old Longtonians 16, Leek 12; Trentham 7, Stoke Old Boys 18.

NORTH: First division: Aspatria 27, Kendal 15; Birkenhead Park 10, Wigton 21; Harrogate 30, Hull and ER 12; Hartlepool Rovers 6, Tynedale 29; West Park 17, Halifax 25. Second division: Bradford and Bingley 18, Lymm 3; Middlesbrough 15, Alnwick 6; New Brighton 22, Huddersfield 7; Wharfedale 23, Davenport 0; Widnes 10, Sandal 9. North east: First division: Morpeth 16, Stockton 4; Novocastrians 3, Blaydon 0; Old Brodleians 31, Weston 6; Old Crossleyans 9, Gateshead Fell 6; Rotherham 24, Thornensians 6. Second division: Old Hymerians 6, Roundhegians 19; Pocklington 6, Beverley 3; Pontefract 25, Newcastle University 9; Ripon 16, Selby 18; Ryton 16, York 19. North west: First division: Chester 9, Wigan 16; Mid Cheshire College 15, Sandbach 12; Sedgley Park 26, Egremont 10; Wilmslow 14, Caldy 12; Wirrall 6, Manchester 32. Second division: Blackburn 10, Macclesfield 10; Cockermouth 6, Netherhall 3; Merseyside Police 9, Bumage 7; Old Aldwinians 13, Southport 8; Penrith 19, Workington 0.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Maidenhead 6, High Wycombe 12; Oxford 12, Clifton 42; Reading 19, Bridgwater and Albion 4; St Ives 10, Berry Hill 30; Taunton 35, Weston-super-Mare 7. Second division: Cinderford 15, Brixham 3; Devon and Cornwall Police 4, Bournemouth 18; Henley 21, Abbey 18; Launceston 36, Redingensians 9; Matson 24, Barnstaple 4. Western counties: Crediton 12, Gordon League 24; Devonport Services 27, Truro 9; Newquay Hornets 12, Clevedon 10; Okehampton 7, Cranoester 10; Old Redcliffians 11, Avonmouth Old Boys 16. Southern Counties: Marlow 26, Slough 6; Oxford Marston 10, Stretchley 15; Oxford Old Boys 8, Banbury 27; Swindon 28, Windsor 3; Swanage and Wareham 4, Aylesbury 3. Gloucestershire/Somerset: Gordano 6, Coney Hill 7; Keynsham 7, Combe Down 22; Minehead 7, Avon and Somerset Police 15; Midsomer Norton 16, Cleve 12; Spartans 16, Whitehall 6; Cornwall/Devon: Hayle 6, Falmouth 10; Illogan Park 15, Exmouth 6; Paignton 7, Exeter Saracens 12; Penryn 46, Bideford 0; Penzance-Newlyn 20, Teignmouth 12. Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: First division: REME Arborfield 0, Devizes 63; Chippenham 0, Dorchester 16; Corsham 6, Wootton Bassett 4; Marlborough 3, Bradnell 48; Sherborne 99, Aldermaston 3. Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire: First division: Beaconsfield 28, Milton Keynes 6; Bicester 13, Chinnor 7; Buckingham 21, Chiltern 29; Drifters 13, Grove 3; Witney 0, Littlemore 16.

CLUB MATCHES

Abertillery	59	Torquay	0
Harrogate	30	Hull and ER	12
Newbridge	9	Bridgend	6
S Wales Police	41	Stroud	3

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First division

Glasgow Acad	12	Glasgow H/K	21
Hawick	49	W of Scotland	15
Jed-Forest	25	Heriot's FP	14
Melrose	12	Boroughmuir	13
Selkirk	9	Ayr	6
Stewart's Mel FP	13	Kelso	38
Watsonians	15	Edinburgh Acad	50

NORTH: Club matches: Rochdale 6, Carlisle 26; Salton 0, Winnington Park 40; Whitehaven 9, Leigh 17.

WEST: Club Match: Tiverton 17, Sidmouth 15.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: Ipswich 15, Basingstoke 10; Leeds 28, Guildford and Godalming 9; North Walsham 9, Streatham/Croydon 3; Old Gaytonians 12, Sutton and Epsom 15; US Portsmouth 30, Dartfordians 0.

IRELAND: Ulster: Senior Club: Ballymena 35, Lansdowne 13; CIYMS 13, Monkstown 20; Instonians 10, Bective Rangers 19; Ards 38, Queen's University 16; Carrick 9, Dungannon 20; Malone 51, City of Derry 12; Portadown 16, Corinthians 15; Bangor 19, Old Belvedere 15. Leinster: Senior Club: Blackrock College 16, Old Wesley 16; Glontarf 15, Dublin University 14; St Mary's College 12, Garryowen 9; Wanderers 15, Greystones 7. Munster: Senior League: Dolphin 0, Sunday's Well 12. Senior Club: Bohemians 11, Collegians 15; Highfield 9, Academy 18; Old Crescent 25, NIFC 15. Connaught: Senior Club: Ballina 11, Armagh 3. Junior Inter-Provincial Championships: Leinster 10, Connacht 3 (Sydney Parade). Schools Inter-Provincial Championship: Leinster 24, Ulster 12 (Donnybrook).

Yesterday

CLUB MATCH: Cheltenham 22, Artisans 52.

Orrell find the cure for a temporary splutter

By Michael Stevenson

Orrell	12
Nottingam	6

Orrell's challenge in the Courage Clubs Championship first division, which faltered at Bath the previous Saturday, was maintained at Edge Hall Road, where they defeated Nottingham more convincingly than the scoreline suggests, by a goal, a dropped goal and a penalty to a dropped goal and a penalty.

They did not run the ball as adventurously as their supporters would have liked but their increasing forward ascendancy was accentuated as Ainscough pumped high kicks under which his pack hunted and harried mercilessly. Eventually Nottingham had no answer.

Despite a formidable opening by Orrell, with ap Dafydd twice coming close to a try, Nottingham, for whom Greenwood tackled magnificently, were at their best in the first half. Cook, straying up and down the line, was allowed plenty of possession, often unleashing his colleague, Rees, on forceful bursts.

Kimmins had a great game for the winners, not least in demonstrating a mobility which is rare for such a big man. Langford, with his cricketer's hands, had a superb game also

Orrell's other key player was their scrum half, Wright. On Saturday he tried to do rather too much himself but still managed to look a player of great class and potential.

It was 3-0 against the run of play at the interval. Hodgkinson's simple penalty, followed a fine move, sparked by Cook and developed by Rees and Mosses. The game's only try closely followed half time.

Worrall missed touch and Langford collected appreciatively, ran infield and fed Ainscough, whose sidestep and acceleration took play into the Nottingham 22. Kimmins drove to the line and Winstanley scored for Langford to convert. The rest was kicking. Hodgkinson, having hit a post with one dropped goal attempt, was successful with another, while Ainscough, whose goalkicking had been wayward, finally kicked a penalty and dropped a brilliant goal from 35 yards, the result of textbook Orrell scrummaging.

SCORERS: Orrell: Try: Winstanley. Conversion: Langford. Penalty: Ainscough. Dropped goal: Ainscough. Nottingham: Penalty: Hodgkinson. Dropped goal: Hodgkinson.

ORRELL: S Langford (capt); N Heslop, D Fell, J Gillilan, I ap Dafydd; G Ainscough, C Wright; M Rymer, L N Hitchen, D Goulhorn, D Cleary, R Kimmins, M Glynn, P Winstanley, C Cusani.

NOTTINGHAM: R Byrom; I Hunter, B Musto, G Hartley, K Stiles; S Hodgkinson, S Worrall; L Johnson, B Moore (capt), G Mosses, P Cook, C Gray, D Kaye, G Rees, M Greenwood.

Referee: S Trevithick (RSU).

GOLF

America's winning trend is maintained

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Sydney

Mark Calcavecchia, of the United States, won the Australian Open here on the Royal Sydney course when he put together a final round of 69. In so doing Calcavecchia, whose winning score of 269 gave him the first prize of £31,000 by six shots from his compatriot Mark McCumber, became the sixth American to win the title. He follows in the footsteps of Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, J C Snead, Bill Rogers and Tom Watson.

Calcavecchia was modest in victory. "I really didn't play that well," he said. "I hit some ugly shots but I hit them where I didn't get hurt. I think destiny was on my side as far as this event was concerned."

To illustrate that, Calcavecchia pointed to the fact that on three occasions he holed unlikely chip shots. Furthermore, he survived despite hitting some potentially destructive shots. At the 11th, for instance, he hit a vicious hook off the tee. Yet instead of finding the ball in a bush it came to rest in a perfect lie from where he launched it over the trees with a seven-iron onto the green.

"I holed that putt for a birdie when, quite frankly, I could easily have taken a double bogey after hitting such a bad drive," he said. "Look, it went my way all week. You've got to play well, sure, but you've also got to get lucky in this game. I did here and this is a big win for my career."

In truth Calcavecchia seized the initiative by following successive rounds of 67 with an immaculate 66 to obtain a five-shot cushion moving into the final round. It meant that he was never seriously threatened although McCumber, the US Players' champion, gave a fine demonstration of his own skills, by compiling a 69 to take second place one shot ahead of the Australian, Wayne Grady, who had a 71.

Ronan Rafferty, who won three tournaments in Australia last season, led the British challenge by finishing in a share of fourth place following a final round of 70, which gave him a total of 278. Mark James lost his way by dropping five shots in as many holes from the 10th and he eventually recorded a 75 for a score of 283.

Gordon Brand Jnr, who two weeks ago won the South Australian Open, finished with a 71 for a score of 285 which was one shot better than Howard Clark (71) and Ian Woosnam (71).

LEADING FINAL SCORES (Australian unless stated): 269: M Calcavecchia (US), 67, 67, 66, 69. 278: M McCumber (US), 68, 70, 68, 69. 276: W Grady, 68, 65, 72, 71. 278: D Graham, 69, 70, 68, 71; R Rafferty (GB), 66, 72, 70, 70. 281: G Norman, 67, 72, 73, 69; R Davis, 71, 70, 70, 70. 282: B Ogle, 74, 72, 69, 67; C Warren, 71, 71 71, 68. 283: A Gilligan, 70, 69, 69, 75; M James (GB), 67, 72, 69, 75. 284: G Turner (NZ), 70, 74, 67, 73; P McWhinney, 71, 71, 72, 70. 286: B Shearer, 74, 73, 69, 70; G Brand Jnr (GB), 71, 73, 70, 71; I Stanley, 68, 72, 74, 71; K Trimble, 69, 77, 72, 67. 288: D Smyth (GB), 68 68 73 77; M Harwood, 74, 68, 68, 78; H Clark (GB), 72, 72, 71, 71; I Woosnam (GB), 75, 73, 67, 71. 287: C Parry, 71, 73, 70, 73; J Woodland, 72, 68, 71, 75; M Ferguson, 70, 75, 70, 72; S Tinning (Den), 70, 72, 72, 73; P Senior, 68, 74, 78, 71; W Smith, 74, 70, 72, 71.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	280	4	10	420	4
2	547	5	11	440	4
3	173	3	12	357	4
4	435	4	13	509	5
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Proud Pilgrim to defy Catterick burden

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Hector Christie, the man who trained that influential National Hunt stallion Fortina to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1947, would have approved of the turn out for the race at Catterick today that is run annually in his memory and that of his father.

For, although it has attracted a relatively small field, it is still a fascinating contest.

The runners are headed by Jimmy Fitzgerald's useful nine-year-old Proud Pilgrim, who ended last season on a high note for a novice by finishing fourth behind Desert Orchid, Kildimo and Strands Of Gold in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown.

Fitzgerald is well aware of what is needed to win this race having come up trumps with Deep South a year ago.

Proud Pilgrim enters the fray fresh from that encouraging first performance of the season 17 days ago at Market Rasen where, among others, he beat Sam Da Vinci, who was as hard as nails after six races, and the Grand National runner-up Durham Edition.

On this occasion his most obvious danger is The Langholm Dyer as King's Bridge, Almondbury and Hatsu-Girie will all be carrying considerably more than their long handicap weight.

Last time out The Langholm Dyer was runner-up to Run And Skip at Cheltenham, beaten two lengths. Run And Skip has done that form no harm since by winning again at Haydock last Thursday.

I will still be disappointed, though, if Proud Pilgrim fails to generate sufficient pace towards the end to put The Langholm Dyer in his place.

If he does he should be the first of two winners for the stable as Kevinsfort has a clear chance of winning round five of the Turftall Conditional Jockeys Series after beating Starjestic first time out at Market Rasen.

Castlevennon, trained by local permit holder, Susan Bramall, looks the best bet of the day in the Federation Brewery Novices' Chase Qualifier. This promising mare beat Raisabillion, who had won his two previous starts over fences, by five lengths in her first chase at Sedgefield last month.

Her form over hurdles also bears close inspection in the light of the subsequent achievements of Austhorpe Sunset and Gold Options.

Being by Rhyme 'N' Reason's sire, Kemal, Castlevennon should have no difficulty in staying today's longer distance. So I nap her to beat Holly Buoy, Stegsman and Tartan Trademark who were divided by only a neck and short head in their most recent race at Market Rasen and meet on similar terms.

Having gone for Kevinsfort at Catterick, I must side with Starjestic in the Bulwell Handicap Chase at Nottingham because there was only a head between them last time.

If Libby Heath and Perry Harding-Jones fail to beat Starjestic with Corked, consolation should be forthcoming later in the afternoon when It's A Pry contests the Coral Golden Hurdle Qualifier. His Fakenham form with Stag Dinner and Camden Belle, both winners since, stands up well.

National Hunt leaders

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs unplaced	Level stakes
M Pipe	69	22	9	0	+10.32
W Stephenson	28	20	23	8	-26.94
J Gifford	22	14	13	3	-21.22
G Richards	21	26	13	8	-47.24
M H Easterby	19	15	9	0	-8.03
D Nicholson	18	13	16	0	-19.87
J Edwards	18	15	7	6	+53.49
C Brooks	17	12	7	5	-6.69
G Balding	17	22	12	9	-27.30
N Tinkler	16	6	5	7	-11.02
G Ham	15	3	1	1	+22.85

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing rides	Level stakes
P Scudamore	84	35	18	3	-2.29
R Dunwoody	33	34	25	4	+24.43
M Dwyer	31	29	18	2	-28.37
G McCourt	30	18	10	1	+41.61
S Sherwood	20	8	14	3	-48.25
B Powell	20	16	16	1	-81.43
R Rowe	20	15	13	15	-19.58
M Hammond	17	13	13	1	-16.50
S S Eccles	17	18	11	21	+13.52
P Tuck	16	27	14	21	-98.74
H Davies	15	27	20	4	-74.47



ED BYRNE

Strands Of Gold and Peter Scudamore have already poached a decisive lead as they clear the second last fence in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin

12.15 Persian Blade.
12.45 CASTLEVENNON (nap).
1.15 Flaming Pearl.
1.45 Proud Pilgrim.
2.15 Primula Again.
2.45 Kevinsfort.
3.15 Rubydora.

By Michael Seely

12.15 Yorkshire Holly. 1.45 PROUD PILGRIM (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.45 CASTLEVENNON.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ..... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F H flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

12.15 WHITE HORSE NOVICES HURDLE (£680: 2m) (18 runners)

1	12-5116	YORKSHIRE HOLLY 17 (D,BF,G,S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 5-12-0	N Smith (7)	● 99
2	6423-11	PERSIAN BLADE 10 (D,S) (W Dalgleish) G Moore 5-11-9	M Hammond	93
3	0000-P1	DUBALEA 9 (CD,F) (Mrs H Fraser) J Haldane 5-11-7	N Doughty	91
4	00-P00	CARA MUFFIN 24 (Mrs C Minton) Mrs C Postlethwaite 4-11-0	L Wyer	—
5	P00-222	DEPLETE 17 (Mrs J Wilson) J Blundell 5-11-0	M Brennan	98
6	P2004-6	HI WALLIE 10 (S) (Mrs V Scott Watson) Miss M Bell 6-11-0	—	97
7	00P0-06	HOWS TONY 14 (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 7-11-0	P Niven	—
8	6PF5/-	LUCKY RECORD 574 (H Pickering) J Leigh 6-11-0	Ger Lyons (4)	—
9	0	MERRYACRES 17 (Mrs D Verity) R Whitaker 5-11-0	S Turner (4)	—
10	02-652	MIDLAND GLENN 23 (Mrs A Eyre) Denys Smith 4-11-0	P Tuck	94
11	30-20	PALMRUSH 23 (Mrs L Carr-Walker) C Thornton 4-11-0	D Wilkinson	—
12	304-30	PRINCIPAL 37 (W Farrell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0	M Dwyer	98
13	0060-	SCANDALOUS RUMOUR 282 (Mrs J Milligan) Miss M Milligan 5-11-0	B Storey	87
14	0	SILVER TAMARIS 31 (Mrs J Tinning) W Tinning 7-11-0	T Reed	—
15	0	WILLIEWAM 19 (R Lamb) D Lamb 6-11-0	K Jones	—
16	0P00U-P	ANRIKA 23 (D Lee) D Lee 5-10-9	B Smith (7)	—
17	0P	JOGAR 23 (J Barker) R Barr 5-10-9	T P White (7)	—
18	0500-03	JUST FOR JOHN 23 (Mrs J Brown) J Charlton 5-10-9	P Dennis	87

BETTING: 5-2 Yorkshire Holly, 3-1 Persian Blade, 4-1 Deplete, 6-1 Hi Wallie, 8-1 Dubalea, Midland Glenn, 12-1 Principal, 16-1 others.

1987: TAYLORMADE BOY 4-11-0 C Grant (13-8 fav) Denys Smith 21 ran

FORM YORKSHIRE HOLLY won at Kelso and Newcastle in October, but disappointed when 5th, odds on, beaten 33½l by Blue Rainbow at Market Rasen (2m 4f) with DEPLETE in 2nd beaten 1½l. Will be suited by the return to 2m.

PERSIAN BLADE followed up his 2½l victory over Sharon's Royale when winning very easily on latest start at Ayr by 4l from Regal Bee with HI WALLIE never a factor in 6th. Will be hard to beat.

DUBALEA showed improved form to win well by 5l from Yuvraj in moderate 2m hdle at Catterick.

MIDLAND GLENN, improving with every outing, was 2l 2nd behind the useful Polly Potter here in a similar event with JUST FOR JOHN (rec 5lb) beaten 9l in 3rd and PALMRUSH 12th of 20.

Selection: PERSIAN BLADE

12.45 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £1,364: 3m 1f 80yd) (13 runners)

1	2-23511	HOLLY BUOY 17 (F,G,S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-8	P Niven	90
2	PP341-3	CELTIC BARD 13 (G) (G Edmonson) T Bill 6-11-0	R Crank	82
3	3208-PP	GLEN LOCHAN 23 (F,D,S) (Lady Cadogan) N Crump 8-11-0	P Harte (4)	98
4	2050/0-	NEW FARMER 251 (S) (T Wimerton) O Brennan 6-11-0	J J Quinn	—
5	00/600-0	RUFF RIDER 24 (G Bell) Mrs S Austin 5-11-0	D Wilkinson	—
6	1P420-2	STEGSMAN 17 (S) (Steadfast Scaffold) J Blundell 6-11-0	M Brennan	91
7	F55500-	SWARDEAN 206 (Mrs A Starkie) R Lee 6-11-0	B Dowling	77
8	00-2823	TARTAN TRADEMARK 17 (G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 6-11-0	P Tuck	91
9	00/63P-F	TORRINGTON WARRIOR 17 (D Todd) D Todd 8-11-0	A J Quinn (7)	77
10	5P-6F62	WAYSIDE 13 (J Donnelly) J Charlton 8-11-0	P Dennis	73
11	1-4U321	CASTLEVENNON 41 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-13	J O'Gorman (7)	● 99
12	000-046	DECENT MAN 39 (J Read) P Beaumont 5-10-13	P A Farrell	—
13	00-5055	INTO THE GLEN 14 (P Pilar) W A Stephenson 5-10-13	A Merrigan	—

BETTING: 9-4 Castlevennon, 3-1 Tartan Trademark, 9-2 Stegsman, 5-1 Holly Buoy, 8-1 Glen Lochan, 12-1 Celtic Bard, Wayside, 16-1 others.

1987: BORDER RAMBLER 7-11-0 P Tuck (5-4 fav) G Richards 17 ran

FORM HOLLY BUOY was left clear 4 out to win by a nk from STEGSMAN (rec 6lb) with TARTAN TRADEMARK (rec 6lb) sh hd 3rd (2m 5f nov ch) at Market Rasen.

CELTIC BARD came up against a good novice in Vulgan Warrior when beaten 11l at Southwell over 3m 110yd.

WAYSIDE, looks one-paced, beaten 6l by Southern Minstrel (rec 2lb) over 2m 4f at Sedgefield latest start.

CASTLEVENNON won on his chasing debut this season by 5l from Raisabillion (a previous winner). *He is well treated today by the conditions.*

Selection: CASTLEVENNON

1.15 BRADFORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£711: 2m) (11 runners)

1	1246F5	BRUNDEAN BREEZE 7 (D,F,S) (G Martin) R Juckes 7-12-0	W McFarland (7)	92
2	2U3	APPLE WINE 2 (D,F,G,S) (T O'Gram) D Chapman 11-12-0	M Dwyer	94
3	1F4FPP-	BERMUDA'S GLEN 242 (F,S) (R McGahon) J Blundell 10-11-12	M Brennan	—
4	206-54P	MARTINELLI 24 (B,D,F,G) (I Johnson) C Beever 9-11-10	R Garritty (7)	93
5	100-004	FLAMING PEARL 21 (D,F,G,S) (R Oldroyd) B Stevens 7-11-5	S Moore	98
6	2000-F6	OFFICIAL ENOUGH 13 (F) (J Woodland) T Caldwell 9-11-1	P Caldwell (7)	● 99
7	000-032	MOLOCH 13 (BF) (G Bell) Mrs S Austin 5-11-0	D Wilkinson	95
8	16654	AUERSBERG 2 (D,F) (Regent Wagner) A Brown 5-10-13	—	98
9	000-04U	CAPRICORN BLUE 9 (B) (W Barker) Mrs P Barker 5-10-10	P Farrell	—
10	4/00/5/	PRINGLE 822 (Norman Park) T Donnelly 9-10-7	L O'Hara (7)	—
11	4/6-P0FP	CAMPUS BOY 14 (B,D,F,S) (R Turner) R Juckes 7-10-7	A Juckes (7)	—

BETTING: 3-1 Brundean Breeze, 4-1 Flaming Pearl, 5-1 Auersberg, 7-1 Martinelli, Moloch, 8-1 Official Enough, 12-1 Apple Wine, 14-1 others.

1987: SENOR ROMANA 8-11-7 M Hammond (11-2) G Moore 21 ran

FORM BRUNDEAN BREEZE was tailed off behind Celtic Shot last Monday at Leicester; better form when 5th, beaten 22½l, by Home Command in a similar event at Market Rasen.

APPLE WINE ran well in a h'cap when 3rd, beaten 6¼l, by Ringmore. A repeat of that performance should enable him to go close.

FLAMING PEARL never a serious factor when 4th, beaten 9l, to Final Alma over 2m 4f at Plumpton.

OFFICIAL ENOUGH, ex-Irish, has been running in better company. Last time 6th beaten 38¾l by Italian Tour in 2½m nov hurdle at Sedgefield.

MOLOCH has been consistent in selling events, beaten 2l by Gaelic Lover in a similar event at Southwell.

AUERSBERG 4th in similar event behind Comra (gave 15lb) at Market Rasen on Saturday.

Selection: APPLE WINE

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M H Easterby	18	61	29.5
G Moore	10	50	20.0
M Naughton	7	43	16.3
J Blundell	6	39	15.4
G Richards	8	54	14.8
M W Easterby	6	49	12.2

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A J Quinn	3	11	27.3
M Hammond	11	48	23.9
N Doughty	6	35	17.1
M Brennan	9	54	16.7
S Turner	3	20	15.0
L Wyer	6	44	13.6

NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Vagog.
1.30 Starjestic.
2.00 Lotus Island.
2.30 Biloxi Blues.
3.00 Broxted Spa.
3.30 It's A Pry.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Biloxi Blues.

Going: firm (chase course); good to firm (hurdles)

1.0 COLWICK CLAIMING NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £680: 2m) (15 runners)

1	234004	LOBRIC 5 (T Dunsley) J Jenkins 11-7	R Dunwoody	87
2	61	NATIVE KNIGHT 21 (D,F) (G Beccle) R Akehurst 11-7	Dale McKeown	94
3		SNO PROBLEM 60F (Mrs J Gold) R Boss 11-7	S Keightley	—
4		AL MUHALHAL 55F (Full Circle Thoroughbreds E Pic) N Tinkler 11-4	G McCourt	—
5	5	BETWEEN THE SHEETS 63 (Mrs J Wolfe) W Carter 11-2	H Jenkins	—
6	00	EXPOUND 9 (B) (D Emery) J Harris 11-2	J A Harris	—
7	0	OLD DUTCH HOLBORN 16 (Miss R Leitch) F Jordan 11-0	B Wright	—
8	0030	ORIGAMI 26 (F Trickett) William Price 11-0	A Price (7)	85
9	312	VAGOG 14 (D,BF,S) (M A Swift) M Pipe 11-0	P Scudamore	● 99
10	0	WHAT A SNIP 9 (V) (F Lee) F Lee 11-0	C Hawkins	—
11	0	STORM WARRIOR 14 (Mrs J Gill) B Preece 10-13	G Landau	—
12	5404	TIGER TIGER 24 (M D M Racing Limited) Ronald Thompson 10-13	—	89
13	0400	YANG 15 (Miss S Hamilton) O Wintle 10-12	S J O'Neill	83
14	0	HORTONDALE 15 (W Ginzel) R Holder 10-11	N Coleman	—
15	6	KING'S FALCON 11 (J Sly) W Kemp 10-9	Mr H Finnegan (7)	—

BETTING: 7-4 Vagog, 3-1 Native Knight, 6-1 Al Muhalhal, 7-1 Lobric, 10-1 Sno Problem, Tiger Tiger, 12-1 Old Dutch Holborn, 14-1 Origami, 16-1 others.

1987: PECHE D'OR 11-2 H Davies (14-1) P Cundell 21 ran

1.30 BULWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,749: 2m) (6 runners)

1	5-21121	CORKED 56 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Villar) Mrs E Heath 9-12-2	Mr P Harding-Jones (4)	92
2	PF34-52	STARJESTIC 17 (D,F,G,S) (M Mitchell) N Bradley 10-11-9	G Bradley	93
3	3222-58	VULRORY'S CLOWN 19 (D,BF,F,G) (T Bayley) O Brennan 10-11-1	G McCourt	● 99
4	P-21P23	ABBEYBRANEY 11 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs E Ellis) P Cundell 9-10-8	R Strange	93
5	44-P63F	ALDRO 13 (CD,G,S) (P Riley) W Clay 12-10-7	R Bevan (7)	94
6	4-1/2PF	RED BOLT 14 (F) (Mrs V Harrison) P Anderson 6-10-0	T Wall	80

Long handicap: Red Bolt 8-8.

BETTING: 7-4 Starjestic, 5-2 Corked, 7-2 Abbeybraney, 7-1 Vulrory's Clown, 8-1 Aldro, 20-1 Red Bolt.

1987: OUTLAW 8-10-1 L Wyer (11-10 fav) J Edwards 7 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
K Bailey	6	18	33.3
M Pipe	4	14	28.6
M Brennan	5	34	14.7
J Jenkins	3	21	14.3
	Only qualifiers		

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Beggan	4	13	30.8
P Scudamore	7	38	18.4
G Bradley	4	22	18.2
G McCourt	8	54	14.8
R Dunwoody	7	62	11.3
	Only qualifiers		

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1.45 WL AND HECTOR CHRISTIE MEMORIAL TROPHY (Handicap chase: £2,736: 3m 1f 80yd) (7 runners)

1	111F4-1	PROUD PILGRIM 17 (G,S) (Lady Blacker) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-3	M Dwyer	95
2	336-462	THE LANGHOLM DYER 18 (BF,F,G,S) (Edinburgh Mill) G Richards 9-11-10	P Tuck	● 99
3	136-223	OAKEN 19 (CD,BF,F,G) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 7-11-4	M Hammond	84
4	U336P-5	THE WILK 17 (CD,F,G) (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 9-10-1	—	93
5	10/FP-0	KING'S BRIDGE 17 (F,S) (F Starr) N Crump 10-10-0	P Harte (4)	—
6	1U3P2F-	ALMONDBURY 208 (F) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 7-10-0	L Wyer	90
7	400-511	HATSU-GIRIE 13 (CD,F,G,S) (R Swiers) R Swiers 7-10-0	S Turner (4)	80

Long handicaps: King's Bridge 9-7, Almondbury 9-7, Hatsu-Girie 8-13.

BETTING: 6-4 Proud Pilgrim, 2-1 The Langholm Dyer, 9-2 Hatsu-Girie, 8-1 Oaken, 12-1 Almondbury, 20-1 The Wilk, 33-1 King's Bridge.

1987: DEEP SOUTH 8-10-11 G Bradley (9-2) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10 ran

FORM PROUD PILGRIM improved throughout last season, finishing 12½l 4th to Desert Orchid in the Whitbread Gold Cup. In need of the outing when getting home by 2½l from Sam Da Vinci at Market Rasen. Has a lot of weight but will be hard to beat.

THE LANGHOLM DYER ran well when beaten 2l by Run And Skip (gave 9lb), a winner since, at Cheltenham. OAKEN, one-paced, was out of the h'cap when beaten 7½l by The Thinker at Kelso.

THE WILK ran a fair race on his debut when 5th beaten 25l by Lackier (rec 7lb) and would have finished closer if he had not hit the 2nd last.

KING'S BRIDGE had good form in the past. Recently was in need of the run when 7th of 9 to Paddy Hayton at Hexham.

HATSU-GIRIE was presented with the race when Nautical Joke fell 2 out at Sedgefield (3m 600yd); earlier won by 1½l from Rejuvenator (gave 11lb) over this course and distance.

Selection: PROUD PILGRIM (nap)

2.15 LEEDS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £680: 2m) (19 runners)

1	461	MONASTIC HABIT 9 (B,CD,F) (Capt M Watson) M W Easterby 11-7	N Doughty	93
2	300	ALDRA BOND 30 (M Johnson) G Moore 11-0	M Hammond	88
3		ARMAGRET 34F (Miss T Longstaff) B Wilkinson 11-0	A Orkney	—
4	3	CARBONATE 9 (BF) (P Savill) M H Easterby 11-0	L Wyer	97
5		EL ZULFI 91F (Mrs C Ward) C Bell 11-0	J J Quinn	—
6	02	FESTIVE FLING 24 (Mrs J Madeley) Denys Smith 11-0	P Tuck	91
7	0	IMPUNITY 10 (G Tufts) R Whitaker 11-0	D Byrne (4)	—
8		MACARTHUR 388F (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 11-0	C O'Ryan (7)	—
9	6	PRECIOUS MEMORIES 9 (W Chapman) D Chapman 11-0	M Dwyer	81
10	42	PRIMULA AGAIN 9 (Kavli) W Bentley 11-0	P Harte (4)	● 99
11		RED JAM JAR 91F (F Reacher) J Mackie 11-0	P Niven	—
12		ROBIN THE RICH 65F (G Hartas) M Ellerby 11-0	R Garritty (7)	—
13		ROYAL MILE 412F (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 11-0	A Merrigan	—
14		SIR EDWARD (D McKenzie) R Bastiman 11-0	M Ennis	—
15		STAINCLIFFE LAD 175F (V Hall) V Hall 11-0	Miss J Davies	—
16	00	BORROKINO 24 (V Lynch) M Avison 10-9	R Morley	—
17	0	JACKANDORA 93 (Miss J Taylor) A Brown 10-9	—	—
18		RAINTREE TONIC 53F (J Parkes) J Parkes 10-9	R Fahey (4)	—
19		THIMONI 69F (K Johnson) G Moore 10-9	S Turner (4)	—

BETTING: 3-1 Primula Again, 9-2 Carbonate, 11-2 Monastic Habit, 13-2 Festive Fling, 8-1 Aldra Bond, 12-1 Precious Memories, 14-1 Royal Mile, Thimoni, 16-1 others.

1987: GOLDEN DISPLAY 11-0 D Murphy (12-1) B Curley 20 ran

FORM MONASTIC HABIT, improving, won by a hd from PRIMULA AGAIN (levels), who *should turn the tables today at the weights*, with CARBONATE (levels) 3rd beaten 6l and PRECIOUS MEMORIES (levels) farther behind at Catterick.

ALDRA BOND never a serious factor when 8th beaten 21¾l by Royal Derbi at Wetherby.

FESTIVE FLING showed improved form when 2nd, beaten ¾l, by Buy A Lite in moderate affair at Sedgefield.

IMPUNITY was *in need of the outing when 7th* beaten 27l by Royal Derbi at Nottingham. Has the scope to improve.

THIMONI looks to be the second string to Aldra Bond. She was moderate on the Flat when trained by Guy Harwood.

Selection: PRIMULA AGAIN

2.45 TURFCALL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SERIES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,847: 2m) (6 runners)

1	32444P	SHARP SONG 10 (D,F,G) (J Latham) T Fairhurst 7-12-3	J O'Gorman	97
2	22P35-1	KEVINSFORT 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Haggie) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-11-7	J Heyes	● 99
3	4580U2	TRAFALGAR BLUE 13 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Lynam) C Beever 8-11-6	C Dennis	94
4	0P-2P02	INDIAN 11 (B,CD,S) (T Bayley) O Brennan 8-10-2	S Turner	90
5	1013-52	REAY'S SONG 10 (D,G,S) (Miss S Naughton) M Naughton 14-10-0	P Harte	93
6	62431F	SIDVIC 10 (D,G,S) (C Colquhoun) R Woodhouse 9-10-0	R Garritty	88

Long handicap: Sidvic 8-13.

BETTING: 11-10 Kevinsfort, 5-2 Trafalgar Blue, 4-1 Sharp Song, 8-1 Reay's Song, 10-1 Sidvic, 16-1 Indian.

1987: IDA'S DELIGHT 8-11-11 B Storey (11-4 fav) J Charlton 11 ran

FORM SHARP SONG has ability and was out of his depth recently at Ascot when pulled up in good contest won by Prize Asset; earlier was beaten 6¼l by KEVINSFORT (rec 17lb) at Market Rasen. At the weights it looks a close run affair between them, but Kevinsfort may have more room for improvement.

TRAFALGAR BLUE showed best recently when beaten 4l by Jody's Boy (gave 5lb) at Sedgefield.

INDIAN won over the course and distance last season, was no match for Maitredee (rec 6lb) when beaten 8l at Towcester.

REAY'S SONG, is moderate performer, was 2nd beaten 5l by Cool Jamie (rec 17lb) in weak 4 runner affair at Ayr where SIDVIC fell 2nd. SIDVIC earlier was ridden out to win by 1l from Cool Jamie (gave 4lb) in selling chase at Sedgefield.

Selection: KEVINSFORT

3.15 LEVY BOARD STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,113: 2m) (17 runners)

1	21	RUBYDORA 9 (S) (S Wright) M H Easterby 4-11-2	R Garritty (7)	—
2	53	BISPHAM BAY 65 (P Wheeler) J Smith 4-11-0	S Turner (4)	—
3	0	CANTACORNER 23 (K Foster) Mrs S Austin 4-11-0	R Fahey (4)	—
4	2	CHOTOMSKI 17 (A Fawcett) M W Easterby 4-11-0	P Harte (4)	—
5	0-	DEEP IN THE WOOD 238 (G Adcock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0	D Byrne (4)	—
6	0	FOOLISH AFFAIR 45 (Lady Anne Beniamck) J Glover 4-11-0	S Harris (7)	—
7	0-	NEWHOLME FARM 221 (R Howe) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0	J Hayes (7)	—
8	00-	NO WAY BWANA 258 (Mrs L Kilroe) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0	S R Murphy (7)	—
9	30-	ROSCOE THE BRAVE 282 (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 4-11-0	J Winterbotham (7)	—
10	0	TIERRO 14 (B Temple) B Temple 5-11-0	M Dwan (7)	—
11		BRIG'S GAZELLE (Mrs C Park) I Park 6-10-9	Mr N Tutty	—
12	0-	GEMINERA 236 (F Lloyd) R Peacock 6-10-9	Mrs C Peacock	—
13	0	HIGHMOOR LADY 14 (A Eubank) A Eubank 4-10-9	L O'Hara (7)	—
14	6	LADY BARNETT 14 (Mrs D Jones) D Eddy 4-10-9	N Smith (7)	—
15		LEY LINE (Dr J Robinson) Dr J Robinson 4-10-9	J Buckham (7)	—
16	0-	MISS KAMSY 278 (D Smith) R Fisher 4-10-9	R Hodge (7)	—
17	0	SHARP ROSE 9 (Mrs M Goulding) J Goulding 4-10-9	J O'Gorman (7)	—

BETTING: 4-6 Rubydora, 4-1 Chotomski, 6-1 Bispham Bay, 8-1 Deep In The Wood, 12-1 Roscoe The Brave, 14-1 Lady Barnett, 16-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM RUBYDORA beat the highly thought of Mohawk by ¾l at Ayr in similar event. She will be hard to catch.

BISPHAM BAY never a serious contender when tailed off behind Kelly's Insurance in moderate event at Worcester.

CHOTOMSKI ran well on his debut when beaten 10l by Strong Fancy at Hexham.

ROSCOE THE BRAVE, related to winners, showed ability last season in similar event when 3rd beaten 15l by Aberlad at Ayr.

LADY BARNETT ran well for 1½m when 6th beaten 54l by More Distinct at Carlisle. Will have to improve considerably.

Selection: RUBYDORA

2.0 KEGWORTH SELLING HURDLE (£835: 2m) (10 runners)

1	144-121	LOTUS ISLAND 18 (B,CD,F,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 4-12-0	G McCourt	● 99
2		GIANTS CASTLE 128F (A Thurgood) W Kemp 4-11-8	S McKeever	—
3	0000-00	PAY DIRT 21 (R Harris) M Tate 4-11-8	R Dunwoody	—
4	00-	PHILOTAS 54F (Mrs J Addleshaw) J Balding 4-11-8	—	—
5		KIRKBY FLYER 26F (D Gill) R Whitaker 4-11-4	R Beggan	—
6		WINNIES LUCK 49F (J Priday) G Jones 4-11-4	J D Doyle	—
7	1PF	SHONK 9 (D,F) (B Eddleshaw) G Moore 3-10-12	J Callaghan (7)	96
8	0P	ACAPULCO 9 (V) (M D M Racing Limited) Ronald Thompson 3-10-7	—	—
9	042	CANESTRELLI 25 (W Fletcher) P Blockley 3-10-7	P Midgely (7)	91
10	00	HONEST DOLLAR 9 (J Cowan) A Potts 3-10-7	—	—

BETTING: 5-4 Lotus Island, 7-2 Canestrelli, 9-2 Kirkby Flyer, 5-1 Shonk, 7-1 Giants Castle, 10-1 Pay Dirt, 14-1 others.

1987: SOONER STILL 3-10-7 T Morgan (4-5 fav) B Stevens 11 ran

2.30 WOODBOROUGH NOVICES CHASE (£2,524: 2m) (6 runners)

1	432F42	STORMGUARD 10 (B,D,F) (C Plant) W Clay 5-11-8	R Bevan (7)	75
2	P0-2012	BILOXI BLUES 10 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Gilder) K Bailey 8-11-7	R Beggan	● 99
3	60	THE BRICHIN 7 (Winterbourne Construction Ltd) L Corbett 7-11-0	Mr G Upson (7)	—
4	4000-F5	TRAVELLER'S TRIP 9 (S) (A Winterton) O Brennan 7-11-0	G McCourt	—
5	05000-F	GREENHEART 61 (J Upson) J Costello 5-10-12	E Baddley	—
6	053/32	MOURADABIA 11 (B,BF) (R Perkins) S Christian 5-10-12	J Osborne	84

BETTING: 2-7 Biloxi Blues, 11-2 Mouradabia, 7-1 Stormguard, 12-1 Traveller's Trip, 25-1 Greenheart, 33-1 The Brichin.

1987: RANDOLPH PLACE 6-11-10 P Tuck (6-4 fav) G Richards 15 ran

3.0 WOLLATON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,841: 3m) (4 runners)

1	525/24-	CROSS MASTER 380 (D,F,G,S) (Harlow Bros Ltd) T 66 11-12-4	R Crank	● 99
2	45413P	KYOTO 16 (D,F,G) (B Monkhouse) J Jenkins 10-10-13	R Dunwoody	95
3	02113-3	BROXTED SPAR 10 (D,F) (T Wardle) P Blockley 7-10-8	G Bradley	95
4	F2F5-51	RATH WONDER 21 (F) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 7-10-0	S J O'Neill	94

Long handicaps: Rath Wonder 9-7.

BETTING: 7-4 Broxted Spar, 9-4 Kyoto, 3-1 Rath Wonder, 4-1 Cross Master.

1987: DEEP AND EVEN 7-11-7 P Scudamore (4-1) F Winter 8 ran

3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,973: 2m 6f) (13 runners)

1	30F8-05	EMO FOREVER 16 (B,S) (Jonjo Thoroughbred Racing Plc) J J O'Neill 8-11-12	G McCourt	95
2	3/62F4-1	IT'S A PRY 35 (G,S) (Mrs A Villar) Mrs E Heath 7-11-7	Mr P Harding-Jones (4)	90
3	0P-0650	WILLIAM CRUMP 9 (G,S) (Otterdawn Associates

FOOTBALL: STAMINA UNDERGOES AN EARLY EXAMINATION AS GRAHAM'S MEN SUFFER A SECOND DEFEAT IN THE SPACE OF FOUR DAYS

Shades of last year as Arsenal begin to look battle weary

By Clive White

Derby County..... 2
Arsenal..... 1

Perhaps it was a feeling of *déjà vu* that made George Graham look less than his usual confident self on Saturday. It was the same time last season that two defeats in a week signalled the beginning of the end of his team's championship aspirations. Now, two more defeats have again seriously questioned Arsenal's standing as title favourites.

Lack of stamina, their failing of the past two seasons, again threatens to bring about their downfall. It is not so much their inability to stand the pace, as their own pace. Arsenal's game, unlike that of Liverpool, is based upon a considerable degree of hard running. And when young players are asked to perform at full power twice in a week, it is sometimes beyond them.

The problem last week was further compounded by influenza among several of their players, which may have explained their comprehensive defeat by Liverpool in the Littlewoods Cup after two close games in which Arsenal had held the edge.

On Saturday, at the Baseball Ground, Marwood was finally forced to submit to the bug and Arsenal lost the vital service provided by the country's most in-form winger.

Derby would no doubt claim that the loss because of an ankle injury of Goddard, an important provider of their own, balanced things out, and for 59 frenzied minutes there was nothing to separate the sides.

Then a Derby corner, poorly taken by Callaghan, provided the springboard for Arsenal to take the lead. A piece of defensive absent-mindedness which is about as rare for Derby as a misplaced Callaghan corner kick, left, Thomas free to break away for the sort of goal he seldom misses.

At that point Arsenal were feeling on top of the world — well, at least on top of the first division, theoretically speaking; news had just filtered through that Norwich City, the League leaders, were losing. Ten minutes later Arsenal's week, if not their world, fell apart in the hands of Keith Cooper, the referee, when he saw an intentional handball by Dixon that few others did.

Graham, trying to be as diplomatic as possible, commented: "I always thought that the Derby crowd would sway it for them." A penalty was unwarranted, if an equalizer not undeserved, and for a second it seemed as though justice had been done when Lukic parried McMinn's spot kick. But Callaghan, the little devil, followed up to score.

With that, all hell broke loose for nine minutes. The names of Rocastle and Winterburn followed those of Richardson and Bould in quick succession into the referee's book, while an altercation between the Arsenal and Derby dugouts attracted the attention of the police who ordered both sides to sit down.

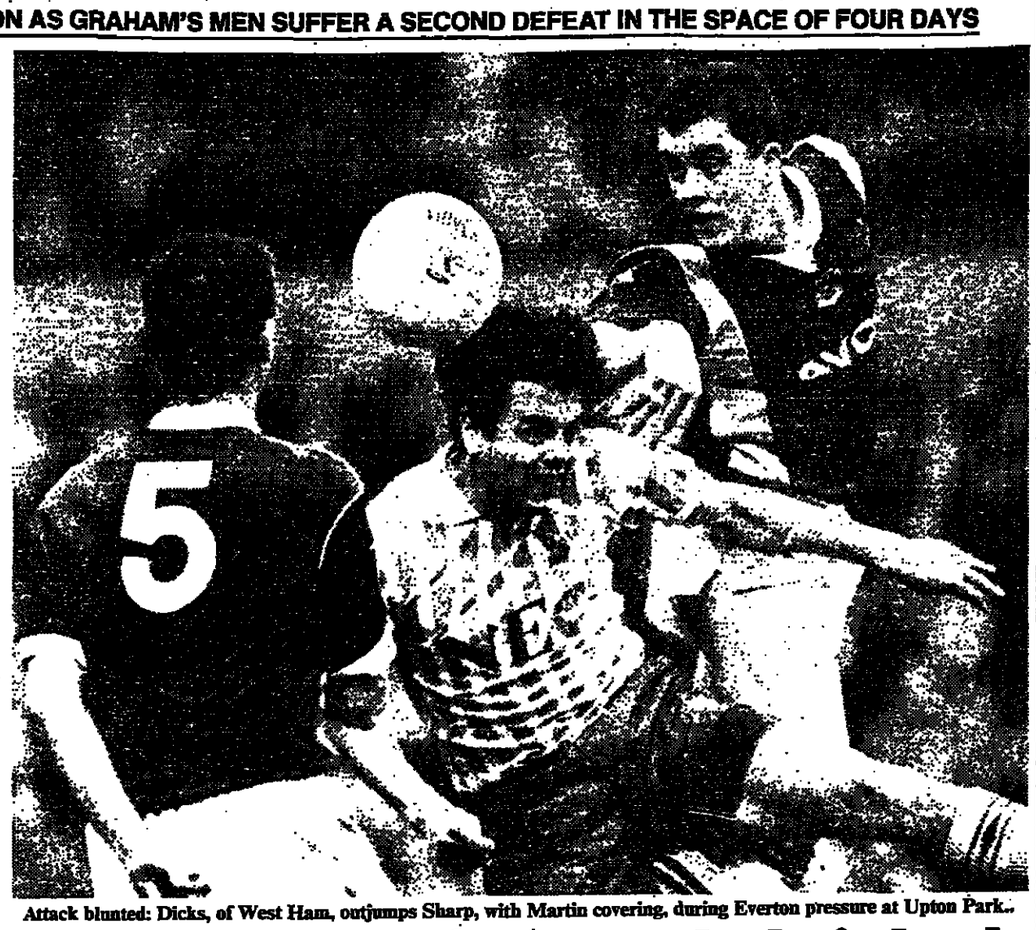
McMinn, inconsolable after the penalty miss, then contrived to slice wide the easiest of chances before a goal of outrageous quality restored order to the proceedings. Callaghan dummied Dixon and crossed for Gee to strike a volley, while leaning backwards, that beat Lukic for pace, never mind accuracy.

Arthur Cox, coming slowly down to earth afterwards, likened it to one of Rush's best. A great student of the game, Cox said that after watching Arsenal and Liverpool in midweek he had gone home and watched it three times more on the video.

"They work hard, Arsenal, and being a young team they take a lot out of themselves. Liverpool are used to it. They let the ball do the work. That's the secret. We thought if we could step it up we might have Arsenal in trouble. When you know about athletes, you know how hard it is to keep hitting that peek," he said.

"How did Liverpool get on? he asked. "They drew 1-1," someone replied. Cox grinned. "Great game isn't it."

DERBY COUNTY: P Shilton; M Sage, M Forsyth, G Williams, M Wright, P Blades, E McMinn, D Saunders, P Gee, T Hebberd. *N Callaghan.*
ARSENAL: J Lukic, L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Thomas, S Bould, A Adams, D Rocastle, K Richardson (sub: P Groves), A Smith, P Merson, M Hayes.
Referee: K A Cooper.



Attack blunted: Dicks, of West Ham, outjumps Sharp, with Martin covering, during Everton pressure at Upton Park..

Misery at the feet of Cottee

By Dennis Signy

West Ham United..... 0
Everton..... 1

The hostility engendered by the return to Upton Park of Tony Cottee, who scored 92 goals in 212 League games before his £2 million transfer to Everton during the summer, overrode a defeat that left West Ham marooned deep in the relegation zone.

The crowd began by hurling abuse at Cottee; later on they roundly booed Everton's persistent off-side ploy and continual back-passing to Southall.

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, admitted: "It was a battling game; it wasn't an attractive game to watch."

In the absence of the injured forwards Kelly, Slater, and Dolan, Lyall had to leave Rosenior alone as a spearhead in front of a five man midfield and conceded: "I didn't see anything better for us than a 0-0. We weren't really in control.

Cottee, who so nearly marked his home-coming with his 100th League goal in the opening seconds when he beat Martin and tried to slide the ball past McKnight in opportunist fashion, had a quiet game but was *the instigator of victory.* McKnight smothered that early effort; he was at fault, though, after 54 minutes when Cottee provided Steven with a chance to send a shot dipping underneath the goalkeeper from 20 yards.

To complete an afternoon of misery for Lyall, Dicks collected a caution for a foul on Steven, and now faces a three-match ban for an excess of disciplinary points and Ward was helped off at half-time with strained ligaments.

WEST HAM UNITED: A McKnight; S Potts, J Dicks, T Gale, A Martin, K Keen, M Ward (sub: J Devonshire), L Brady, L Rosenior, A Dickens, P Ince.
EVERTON: N Southall; I Snodin, P Van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, S McCall, G Sharp, T Cottee, I Wilson.
Referee: P Durkin.

Norwich stretch their lead as testing times beckon

By David Powell

Norwich City..... 2
Luton Town..... 2

Norwich's next home match is against Arsenal. A week later they go to Liverpool. Then the question every manager is asked after his team has played Norwich should finally be answered. "Can they win the League?"

The answer has to be "no". Ray Harford, Luton's manager, thinks they can — "they play nice, controlled football" — but his relief at his team's recent metamorphosis may have obscured his view of how many times Norwich conceded possession on Saturday, and how insecure their defence looked.

Six bookings, three apiece, all in the first half, and four goals, three beautifully taken, gives the impression of an absorbing match. But it was more painting by numbers than creative art. Norwich pushed the ball around with urgency and, when they did not give it away, looked a passable first division side.

Gordon produced the occasional bold brushstroke: crossing for Rob Johnson to score an own goal under pressure from Putney, sending Sealey instinctively to his left to save a firmly driven shot, and seizing on Fleck's pass to dribble round the goalkeeper and complete the scoring after 62 minutes.

Bowen, at left back, was neat, tidy and sometimes inventive. Otherwise, it seemed unreasonable that Norwich's lead at the top should grow to three points.

Both Luton goals were scored by Wegerle. He took them with Rush-like efficiency and, along with his manager, is excited by their new formation which throws three men forward.

Oldfield, looking like something out of the West German national team with his blond locks, white shirt and black shorts, frequently wasted possession, but Mick Harford and Wegerle, signed from Chelsea in the summer, combined well.

"The essential difference for me here is that the manager has faith in me," Wegerle said. "I didn't see eye to eye with either John Hollins or Bobby Campbell. If you don't get on with the manager, you can't get on with your job.

"Today, I repaid Ray Harford's faith and I hope I can do it every week for him. At Chelsea they tended to play me wide, which didn't suit me."

Wegerle's equalizer, after 38 minutes, was firmly struck from the edge of the area, and when Preece took advantage of Culverhouse's slack marking 11 minutes into the second half, the South African drove the ball perfectly from an angle past the advancing Gunn.

"He's got more tricks than he showed today," Ray Harford enthused. Norwich were fortunate he did not unveil them.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, A Linighan, A Townsend, D Gordon, R Fleck, M Allen (sub: R Rosario), M Phelan, T Putney.
LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; R Johnson, R Harvey, D Preece, S Foster, M Johnson, D Wilson, R Wegerle, *M Harford*, D Oldfield, K Black.
Referee: P Danson.

Venables spared an inquest

By Nicholas Harling

Tottenham Hotspur..... 2
QPR..... 2

The knives were out again, sharp and ready. Tottenham Hotspur were two goals down and *the great revival was about* to end as suddenly as it began five matches ago. Once more Terry Venables was to be subjected to the kind of inquest every manager dreads.

By their powerful, egocentric nature, teams such as Spurs, or England for that matter, all too readily attract adverse publicity when things are not going well. Since Spurs have taken more than their fair share this season, Venables had an extra good reason for a smirk when talking about his team's newly restored confidence and resolution rather than explain away another defeat. The whole post-match issue had been deflated by a storming recovery.

Never mind that Butters, who had presented Rangers with both their goals, was playing only his third game. What had mattered then was that Spurs once again were struggling, well though both the men later to score their goals, were performing.

A rebound off Butters had left Falco with a clear opening for the first Rangers goal. If that was not enough ammunition for the cynics, the old boy coming back to score, the immaculate displays from two other former Tottenham players, Ardiles and Maddix for Rangers, were certainly adding extra spice. The second goal had come from Francis after Falco had knocked down Fereday's cross.

The Spurs rally was ignited when Gascoigne curled in a free kick, leaving Seaman transfixed. If that was perfection, so was the timing of the substitutions, at least those made by Venables. Samways and Gray had hardly been on five minutes when Samways supplied the low cross from which Waddle swerved a delightful shot past Seaman. Ardiles, who had been caught in possession by Paul Allen in the build-up, was promptly substituted by Rangers, two minutes too late.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Mimms; G *Butters, M Thomas (sub: V Samways),* T Fenwick, C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, P Walsh (sub: P Gray), P Gascoigne, C Waddle, *P Stewart, P Allen.*
QPR: D Seaman; S Parker (sub: G Maguire), M Allen, P Parker, O Ardiles, D Maddix, M Falco, T Francis, W Fereday, D Peacock, K Brock.
Referee: M L James

Wimbledon show their better side

By Ian Ross

Liverpool..... 1
Wimbledon..... 1

Wimbledon, who are the *enfants terribles* of English football, took another determined stride towards respectability at Anfield on Saturday.

No doubt mindful that their defeat of their opponents in the FA Cup final ensured a welcome bereft of any warmth, Wimbledon were, for the most part, on their best behaviour.

The sight of Fashanu constantly retrieving the ball after misdemeanours and Jones smiling engagingly at his accusers was hardly in keeping with the club's philistine image and it was possibly this display of over-politeness which so infuriated sections of the crowd, for many were clearly disappointed that the shedding of blood was kept to a bare minimum.

The fear that the referee, John Key, who was particularly unsympathetic to the Wimbledon cause, would transform a sparring match into a bare knuckle *fight by awarding an unjust* penalty was always there but barring his intervention a goalless draw seemed assured.

It was fitting that the game's one moment of genuine class should result in the opening goal.

Whelan, faced by an unyielding wall of human flesh, laced a superb pass between a scrum of defenders straight into the path of Houghton, who drove in a shot of such uncanny accuracy that it grazed both post and crossbar en route to its destination.

The pedestrian football which followed that sublime moment suggested that Liverpool would be happy with a narrow win and Wimbledon with a narrow defeat.

It was only as the game neared its climax that the visitors began to stir.

A remarkable save by Hooper denied Sanchez in the 87th minute but a matter of a few seconds later Wimbledon drew level.

Jones's long throw was headed up into the air by McMahon and as the Wimbledon forwards advanced, Nicol, the game's outstanding individual, inexplicably hooked the ball into his own net.

LIVERPOOL: M Hooper; G Ablett, B Venison, S Nicol, R Whelan, N Spackman, P Beardsley, S Staunton, I Rush (sub: J Aldridge), R Houghton, S McMahon.
WIMBLEDON: H Segers; R Joseph, J Scales, V Jones, E Young, K Curle, C Fairweather (sub: A Clement), T Gibson (sub: A Cork), J Fashanu, L Sanchez, D Wise.
Referee: J Key.

Holders go out

Colne Dynamoes were knocked out in their first game in this season's FA Vase competition when they lost 2-1 on Saturday at home to Emley, the team they beat in last season's final. Watched by a crowd of 1,490, Farrar scored the winning goal with the last kick of the match.

Unfashionable is the vogue

By Vince Wright

Southampton..... 2
Millwall..... 2

Those leading first division clubs who would automatically qualify for Super League status tend to view unfashionable teams like Southampton and Millwall as intruders into their magic circle. The bad news for them is that on the evidence of Saturday's absorbing game at The Dell, Southampton, who are sixth, and Millwall, who are *third, are likely to stay in their* company.

Southampton's run of nine unbeaten matches has had much to do with the experiment of their manager, Chris Nicholl, in playing only Danny Wallace as a genuine forward and employing him in a roving role.

Wallace's speed and mobility are essential to the success of the plan, as is the frequency in which Baker, Cockerill, Le Tissier and Rodney Wallace advance into scoring positions. Meanwhile, Clarke and Rideout, who began the season *as Southampton's forwards,* find themselves out in the cold.

Millwall provided a fascinating contrast in styles with nearly all their attacks involving their two target men, Sheringham and Cascarino. They were even more effective than Southampton and Burridge was the busier goalkeeper. Millwall have been beaten only once in the League this season, are scoring goals in *twos and threes, and seem to* have the self-belief to emulate Ipswich Town's achievement in 1962 of winning the first division at the first attempt.

Cascarino was as good in the air as Danny Wallace was on the ground and in the first half Osman and Moore barely won a challenge against the Republic of Ireland forward.

There is something splendidly old-fashioned about Millwall. They shoot on sight, play two wingers, Stephenson and O'Callaghan, and have players such as Hurlock, Briley and *Dawes who can actually* tackle properly. It is a sign of the club's high standards that their manager, John Docherty, was disappointed at the result.

Baker's clever tenth-minute goal stung Millwall into producing their best football of the match. Sheringham's measured pass led to O'Callaghan equalizing after 32 minutes and then Stevens and Briley created a goal for Sheringham after 51.

Twelve minutes from the end Baker made it 2-2 by heading in Le Tissier's centre

SOUTHAMPTON: J Burridge; Raymond Wallace, D Statham, J Case, K Moore, R Osman, Rodney Wallace, G Cockerill, M Le Tissier, G Baker, D Wallace.
MILLWALL: B Horne; K Stevens, I Dawes, T Hurlock, S Wood, A McLeary, P Stephenson, L Briley, E Sheringham, A Cascarino, K O'Callaghan.
Referee: M Bodenham.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League First division

Charlton	0	Nottingham F	1
Coventry	2	Aston Villa	1
Derby	2	Arsenal	1
Liverpool	1	Wimbledon	1
Middlesbrough	0	Sheffield Wed	1
Norwich	2	Luton	2
Southampton	2	Millwall	2
Tottenham	2	QPR	2
West Ham	0	Everton	1

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	14	3	4	1	13	11	5	1	6	11	4	29
Arsenal	13	3	1	1	11	8	5	1	2	22	10	26
Millwall	13	5	1	0	15	6	1	5	1	12	11	24
Liverpool	14	2	4	1	8	5	4	1	2	11	5	23
Coventry	14	3	2	2	10	7	3	2	1	7	4	22
Southampton	14	4	2	2	15	9	3	2	1	9	10	22
Derby	13	4	2	2	11	6	3	2	1	5	4	22
Notts For	14	1	4	1	5	7	3	4	1	12	10	20
Everton	12	2	3	1	11	5	3	1	3	7	8	19
Sheffield W	13	3	1	2	5	5	2	3	2	7	8	18
West Ham	14	2	4	1	8	8	1	5	1	8	7	18
Wimbledon	14	5	0	2	17	7	1	3	3	6	11	18
QPR	14	3	0	3	11	5	2	3	2	7	8	18
Aston Villa	14	2	3	2	9	8	1	3	3	10	13	15
Luton	14	2	3	1	8	5	1	2	5	7	11	14
Charlton	14	1	3	4	9	15	2	2	2	7	8	14
Tottenham	14	2	3	2	15	11	1	3	2	9	10	13
Wimbledon	13	1	2	4	5	12	1	2	3	7	11	10
West Ham	14	1	2	4	9	15	1	1	5	4	14	9
Newcastle	14	1	2	4	5	9	1	1	5	4	18	9

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham	2	Wycombe	2
Aylesbury	2	Telford	0
Barnet	2	Yeovil	0
Chorley	1	Maidstone	3
Fisher	2	Macclesfield	2
Kettering	2	Cheltenham	0
Runcorn	0	Newport	0
Stafford	4	Boston	1
Sutton Utd	3	Enfield	1
Weymouth	2	Northwich	2

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kidminstr	19	5	3	1	13	11	6	1	3	24	16	27
Kettering	18	8	1	0	22	7	3	2	2	8	9	26
Macclesfld	19	5	2	2	18	10	4	3	2	12	7	24
Maidstone	18	5	2	2	24	11	4	2	3	22	15	31
Barnet	18	4	1	3	13	12	5	3	3	21	18	31
Runcorn	18	3	3	2	11	10	4	3	3	13	10	27
Fisher	18	5	3	2	25	16	2	3	3	8	12	27
Wycombe	19	4	3	2	21	13	3	3	4	14	13	27
Welling	18	4	4	1	16	8	3	2	4	6	15	27
Yeovil	19	4	5	2	17	13	2	2	4	10	18	25
Sutton Utd	17	6	1	1	23	10	2	1	5	8	13	24
Altrincham	18	3	4	1	12	9	3	3	2	11	14	24
Boston	17	4	1	4	15	17	3	2	3	11	14	24
Northwich	17	3	1	3	12	11	3	0	4	19	19	22
Cheltenham	18	5	2	2	18	17	1	2	4	8	11	22
Enfield	18	4	1	4	13	12	2	3	0	7	12	21	22
Stafford	16	5	0	3	17	9	2	0	6	7	15	21
Telford	17	2	2	5	9	12	4	1	3	8	7	21
Enfield	19	2	1	6	18	15	2	3	5	12	19	16
Newport	19	3	3	3	14	15	0	3	7	5	23	15
Weymouth	20	3	4	3	12	17	0	1	7	3	17	14
Aylesbury	17	2	1	5	12	17	0	3	5	8	23	10

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal 3, Southampton 2. Postponed: Ipswich v Tottenham.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 1, Carrick 1; Clftonville 2, Ards 2; Coleraine 3, Crusaders 1; Distillery 2, Ballymena 2; Glenavon 2, Glentoran 3; Larne 1, Portadown 0; Linfield 1, Newry 1.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 2, Windsor and Eton 3; Bishop's Stortford 0, Carshalton 1; Croydon 1, Dagenham 1; Grays 2, Tooting and Mitcham 1; Harrow 2, Bromley 0; Leytonstone/Ilford 1, Hendon 4; Marlow 0,

Second division

Barnsley	5	Bournemouth	2
Birmingham	1	Ipswich	0
Blackburn	3	Portsmouth	1
Brighton	3	Sunderland	0
Chelsea	2	Shrewsbury	0
Leeds	4	Stoke	0
Leicester	1	Bradford	0
Manchester C	2	Oxford Utd	1
Plymouth	3	Oldham	0
Swindon	1	Walsall	0
Watford	2	Hull	0
West Brom	5	C Palace	3

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	18	5	0	2	19	7	4	2	3	11	11	33
Blackburn	18	6	1	2	15	12	4	2	3	13	12	33
Man City	19	5	3	1	15	11	4	2	3	8	6	32
Chelsea	18	5	2	2	17	8	3	4	2	13	11	30
Portsmouth	18	6	2	1	19	7	2	4	3	10	14	30
WBA	18	5	2	2	14	9	3	4	2	13	10	30
Barnsley	18	5	3	1	16	9	2	3	4	9	16	27
Stoke	19	5	3	1	15	7	2	3	4	8	15	27
Ipswich	18	3	4	2	13	11	3	3	3	11	11	25
Leicester	18	4	4	1	11	7	2	3	4	11	16	24
C Palace	17	5	3	1	17	9	1	3	4	11	16	24
Sunderland	18	4	5	0	15	7	1	4	4	8	14	24
Plymouth	17	5	2	1	17	6	2	1	5	6	20	24
Leeds	18	4	3	2	13	8	1	5	3	6	11	22
Swindon	17	4	3	1	13	7	1	4	4	10	17	22
Bradford	18	3	4	2	9	7	2	3	4	9	12	22
Oldham	18	3	4	2	12	9	2	2	5	9	16	21
Hull	18	3	5	1	9	6	2	1	6	10	18	21
Bournemth	17	4	1	3	8	4	2	2	5	9	16	21
Oxford	19	4	3	3	19	15	1	2	6	9	16	20
Brighton	17	4	1	4	14	11	1	1	5	8	16	17
Shrewsbury	18	1	5	3	8	12	2	3	4	8	11	17
Walsall	18	2	3	4	12	9	0	5	4	5	13	14
Birmingham	18	2	2	5	10	16	1	2	5	3	19	13

Hayes 0; Slough 4 St Albans 3; *Wokingham 2, Farnborough 2.* First division: Basildon 2, Lewes 3; Boreham Wood 2, Basingstoke 2; Chesham 1, Leatherhead 0; Metropolitan Police 0, Kingsbury 2; Uxbridge 1, Bracknell 1; Walton and Hersham 0, Hitchin 2; Wembley 4, Worthing 3; Wivenhoe 2, Hampton 0; Woking 1, Staines 1. Second division north: Hemel Hempstead 2, Stevenage 2; Hornchurch 1, Clapton 2; Rainham 2, Barton 2; Vauxhall Motors 3, Billericay 1; Wolverton 1, Hertford 4; Ware 1, Aveley 3. Second division south: Egham 3, Newbury 0; Feltham 1, Ruislip Manor 3; Petersfield 2, Banstead 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup: *First round, second leg:* Hyde 7, Worksop 1 (Hyde win 8-2 on aggregate); South Liverpool 1, Morecambe 1 (South Liverpool win 2-1 on aggregate). Premier division: Buxton 2, Witton 2; Fleetwood 4, Matlock 2; Frickley 2, Barrow 1; Marine 2, Horwich 2; Shepshed 0, Caernarfon 1; Southport 7, Gateshead 0; Stalybridge 1, Gainsborough 1. First division: Accrington Stanley 1, Bishop Auckland 2; Alfreton 1, Congleton 3; Harrogate Town 2, Eastwood Town 0; Lancaster 2, Sutton Town 2; Netherfield 5, Radcliffe 0; Penrith 0, Leek 1; Workington 6, Winsford 1.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: *Barry 2, Bregon 1; Bridgend 0,* AFC Cardiff 1; Briton Ferry 3, Cwmbran 1; Caerleon 3, Pembroke 1; Maesteg 2, Pontlanfraith 3, Ton Pentre 5, Milford 1.

Third division

Blackpool	0	Swansea	0
Bolton	2	Northampton	1
Bristol R	1	Bury	3
Chester	2	Southend	4
Mansfield	1	Aldershot	1
Notts Co	1	Gillingham	2
Port Vale	3	Fulham	0
Reading	0	Chesterfield	0
Sheffield Utd	3	Bristol C	0
Wigan	0	Huddersfield	2
Wolves	6	Preston	0

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	17	7	2	0	23	7	5	1	2	17	11	39
Sheffield U	16	8	0	0	24	4	3	1	4	15	14	34
Port Vale	16	6	1	1	24	8	4	2	2	15	10	33
Bury	17	5	2	1	14	7	4	1	4	15	15	32
Swansea	17	4	3	1	12	9	4	2	3	11	11	29
Bristol R	17	6	1	2	21	11	2	3	3	13	15	28
Preston	17	5	2	1	18	10	2	4	3	9	13	27
Fulham	17	5	3	1	17	8	2	3	3	8	11	27
Bolton	17	5	2	2	22	12	2	3	3	8	8	26
Reading	17	4	4	1	17	10	3	1	4	12	14	26
Mansfield	17	4	5	0	15	10	1	4	3	4	8	24
Bristol C	17	2	3	3	10	10	4	3	2	16	10	24
Chester	17	5	3	1	17	9	1	3	4	12	22	24
Huddersfld	17	4	2	2	12	7	3	0	6	8	19	23
Brentford	17	5	1	2	12	9	1	3	5	10	15	22
Gillingham	17	4	3	1	12	6	1	3	4	9	10	21
Cardiff	14	5	1	2	13	5	0	3	3	3	13	19
Southend	17	3	3	2	11	9	1	2	6	11	19	19
Northampto	17	3	0	5	15	14	2	1	6	9	15	16
Notts Co	16	1	5	3	11	16	1	3	3	5	9	14
Wigan	17	2	2	5	8	12	1	3	4	11	15	14
Gillingham	17	2	5	2	9	14	2	1	6	7	15	12
Aldershot	16	2	2	4	7	11	0	3	5	6	22	11
Chesterfld	16	1	1	6	5	16	1	1	7	3	27	8

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 1, Cambridge City 1; *Ashford 1, Burton 3;* Corby 1, Leicester United 0; Dartford 2, Worcester 0; Fareham 0, Merthyr 3; Gosport 1, Bedworth 0; Moor Green 1, Crawley 1; Redditch 1, Dorchester 2; VS Rugby 2, Wealdstone 0. Midland division: Banbury 1, Halesowen 1; Bilston 0, Atherstone 3; Gloucester 1, Dudley 1; Grantham 0, Forest Green 0; King's Lynn 3, Mile Oak Rovers 2; Nuneaton Borough 2, Willenhall 3; Stourbridge 1, Ashtree Highfield 0; Sutton Coldfield 1, Coventry 1; Wellingborough 1, Hednesford 1. Southern division: Andover 0, Thanet 0; Buckingham 2, Chelmsford 2; Dunstable 0, Burnham 0; Poole 1, Erith and Belvedere 0; *Ruislip 0, Canterbury 1;* Tonbridge 0, Trowbridge 1; Witney 0, Folkestone 1; Salisbury 5, Gravesend and Northfleet 0.

FA VASE: Second round: Harrogate RA 5, Rossington Main 1; Garforth 1, Consett 0; Rowntree Mackintosh 0, Dunston FB 1; Roosendale 3, Parsley 2; West Allotment 0, Ossett Town 2; Colne Dynamoes 1, Emley 2; Clitheroe 2, Whickham 4; Brigg 4, Droylsden 1; Guiseley 2, Curzon Ashton 1; Hesinor 3, Hatfield Main 1; Beeston 3, Belper 1; Eastwood Hanley 2, St Helens 0; Irlam 0, North Ferriby 3; Burnham Ramblers 3, Eynesbury 0; Sudbury 2, Baldock 0; Stansted 0, Cheshunt 1; Berkhamsted 3, *Witham 2; Harefield 1,* Harlow 6; Wroxham 0, Finchley 1; Tilbury 4, 61 FC (Luton) 1; Haverhill 1, Selby 1 (aet); Abingdon United 1, Bedfont 0; Horsham 1,

Fourth division

Cambridge	2	Leyton O	2
Carlisle	2	Grimsby	1
Doncaster	1	Burnley	0
Hartlepool	2	Exeter	2
Hereford	1	Rotherham	1
Lincoln	2	Halifax	1
Rochdale	2	York	0
Scarborough	0	Wrexham	3
Scunthorpe	1	Torquay	0

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham	17	4	3	1	16	7	4	3	2	13	6	30
Scarboro	17	4	4	1	14	11	4	2	2	16	10	30
Crewe	17	5	3	1	15	10	3	3	2	9	8	30
Scunthorpe	17	6	3	1	14	10	3	2	3	13	13	29
Lincoln	17	5	2	2	14	10	3	1	4	11	12	27
Wrexham	17	3	4	1	14	9	3	4	2	16	15	26
Rochdale	17	5	3	1	15	10	2	2	4	13	17	25
Doncaster	17	5	1	3	14	14	3	1	4	7	14	25
Burnley	17	5	2	1	18	7	1	5	4	11	11	25
Tranmere	17	5	1	2	7	4	1	6	2	11	12	25
Cambridge	17	5	3	1	19	12	2	1	5	9	15	25
Torquay	17	6	0	2	13	6	1	3	5	6	16	24
Halifax	17	5	1	2	23	11	2	1	6	16	21	23
Stockport	17	4	4	1	14	7	1	4	3	8	9	27
Hartlepool	17	4	2	3	12	14	3	3	5	6	11	23
Hereford	17	4	3	2	17	14	2	1	5	10	14	22
Leyton O	17	2	5	1	21	5	2	3	4	8	11	20
Exeter	17	5	1	2	15	8	1	2	6	7	19	21
Peterboro	17	3	1	4	9	10	2	5	2	11	15	21
Grimsby	17	4	2	2	12	9	1	2	6	11	19	19
York	17	3	3	2	11	12	2	2	7	5	20	18
Carlisle	17	2	3	4	9	12	1	3	4	10	15	15
Darlington	17	0	6	2	9	14	2	1	6	12	19	13

TENNIS: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PROVIDE MUST VIEWING AND SMILES FOR THE SPONSORS

Crowning glory as Loosemore and Bates reign supreme

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Jeremy Bates and Sarah Loosemore each won £8,500 from five singles matches in the Prudential national championships at Queen's Club, West Kensington. Bates did not lose a set and Loosemore lost only one.

In the finals, played yesterday, Bates beat Andrew Castle 6-4, 6-2 and Loosemore recovered from 3-5 down to defeat Valda Lake 7-5, 6-2. The rankings suggest that Loosemore and Lake should be only fifth and 10th in the domestic pecking order.

Loosemore, aged 17, comes from Dinas Powys and goes to school at Cardiff, where she is studying for A levels in mathematics, geography, and English. The examinations will prevent her from playing at Wimbledon next year.

Loosemore's victims at Queen's Club included Sara Gomer and Clare Wood, who will represent Britain in the world team championship, to be played in Melbourne from December 4 to 11. The third member of Britain's team, Jo Durie, withdrew from her semi-final with Lake because of a damaged shoulder. It is hoped that this will swiftly respond to intensive treatment.

Lake, aged 20, comes from Torquay and was among the last crop of youngsters to benefit from the wisdom of that late, much lamented coach, Arthur Roberts. She was lucky to be let off the hook by Javer in their quarter-final and, except for the loss of match-play, even luckier to be spared a clash with Durie.

Briefly, Lake made the most of her chance. Loosemore is learning her trade and, at present, prefers to play a patterned game from the baseline. Lake confidently teased her with sliced returns, variations of length, and regular trips to the net to exploit the short angles.

Lake thus demonstrated that she can play good tennis. All we needed to know was how they compared in terms of competitive confidence and resilience — or, if you like, natural authority. The answer came when Lake, from 5-3 up, took only nine points from eight games.

All credit to Loosemore, who had stayed in the match when confused and not playing well — and then, as soon as Lake began to falter, firmly took command and, hard-eyed, soundly assumed the status of champion.

There is little to choose between Bates and Castle. They had a hotly contested first set illuminated by some glorious backhand winners from Bates. Those backhands helped him to achieve the only break.

The slight disparity between them was exaggerated when the stress briefly told on Castle. In the second set he scored only six points in a run of five games. After that, he had to settle for a fighting finish and a cheque for £4,000.

Finally, full marks to the sponsors, who could not have done more to transform Queen's Club into an attractive and congenial venue.

RESULTS: Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Loosemore (S Wal) bt C Wood (Sussex), 6-3, 6-1; V Lake (Devon) w/o J Durie (Avon). Final: S Loosemore (S Wales) bt V Lake (Devon), 7-5, 6-2. Men's singles: Semi-finals: J Bates (Surrey) bt N Brown (Ches), 7-6, 6-4; A Castle (Surr) bt S Shaw (Middx), 7-5, 6-1. Final: Bates bt Castle, 6-4, 6-2. Women's doubles: Final: S Gomer (Devon) and J Salmon (Sussex) w/o Durie and Wood. Mixed doubles: Final: D Ison (Essex) and K Hunter (Surrey) bt S Cole (Surrey) and D Parnell (Cheshire), 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



On his way: Bates eyes victory at Queen's Club yesterday

SQUASH RACKETS

Seeds fall foul of flourishing youngsters

By Colin McQuillan

The loss of six seeds from the weekend's second round of the InterCity national championships at Bristol has enhanced rather than diminished what has become an extraordinarily open men's tournament.

Del Harris, the top-seeded defending champion, withdrew before the first round with a viral infection which also seems likely to upset his planned 10-match challenge series against Jahangir Khan, the world champion, next week. He was joined on the sidelines on Saturday by Jamie Hickox, Geoff Williams, Mark Maclean, Simon Taylor, Chris Walker and John Ransome, respectively seeded third, fourth, seventh, tenth, thirteenth and fifteenth.

Walker and Ransome were perhaps always vulnerable to the less attritional talents of Danny Meddings and Adrian Davies, but the defeats of Hickox by Damian Walker and of Williams by Stephen Meads appeared to herald the arrival of the burgeoning depth of young English skill which Jonah Barrington, as new national director of excellence, hopes to dominate the world.

Meads, aged 18, went out courageously to Paul Carter, the sixteenth seed, 2-9, 8-10, 9-3, 9-4, 9-1 in 79 minutes. Walker, aged 19, is to play the former champion, Gawain Briars, in the last of the third round matches this evening.

A large and forceful junior at last catching up with prodigious early strength, Walker defeated Hickox 5-9, 9-0, 9-3, 4-9, 9-2 in 78 minutes by advancing confidently on the third seed's favourite boast shots and driving him to hesitancy in the back court.

In the top quarter, already diluted by Harris's withdrawal, Nigel Stiles, of Surrey, has advanced to tomorrow's quarter-finals by removing first Maclean and then, yesterday, Matthew Oxley, who earlier removed Taylor. Stiles won by a combination of grit and street wisdom.

Only one seed has so far fallen in the somewhat top-heavy women's championships. Ruth Strauss, the eleventh seed, fell to Samantha Foster in the second round.

RESULTS: Men: Second round: M Hornby (Lancs) bt A Danzey (Notts), 9-2, 9-0, 9-7; S Beeson (Northumbria) bt M Cairns (Oxford), 9-0, 9-1, 9-0; P Carter (Herts) bt P Millington (Derby), 3-9, 9-5, 9-6, 9-4; R Owen (Avon) bt P Gregory (Surrey), 9-2, 10-8, 8-10, 3-9, 9-2; N Stiles (Surrey) bt (x) M MacLean (Scot), 0-9, 10-8, 9-7, 9-6; M Oxley (Cambs) bt S Taylor (Leics), 2-9, 9-5, 9-4, 6-9, 9-7; S Meads (Berks) bt G Williams (Sussex), 7-9, 10-8, 1-9, 9-5, 9-2; D Meddings (Surrey) bt C Walker (Essex), 9-5, 9-3, 9-3; N Harvey (Essex) bt C Jones (Wales), 9-5, 9-6, 9-0; P Kenyon (Lancs) bt S Parke (Yorks), 9-4, 10-9 9-5; G Briars (Norfolk) bt D Pearson (Lancs), 9-5, 9-1, 10-8; D Walker (Leics) bt J Hickox (Surrey), 5-9, 9-0, 9-3, 4-9, 9-2; A Davies (Wales) bt J Ransome (Essex), 9-4, 9-4, 9-4; J Nicolle (Hants) bt M Woodliffe (Glos), 9-6, 9-6, 6-9, 10-8; S Hailstone (Scot) bt R Graham (Essex), 6-9, 9-5, 9-2, 9-2, M Bodimeade (Berks) bt F Ellis (Scot) 9-4, 9-5, 9-2. Third round: R Owen (Avon) bt A Danzey (Notts), 9-3, 10-9, 10-8; N Styles (Surrey) bt M Oxley (Camb), 10-8, 5-9, 9-5, 9-6, 9-5; P Carter (Herts) bt S Meads (Berks), 2-9, 9-10, 9-3, 9-4, 9-1.

Women: Second round: L Brown (Staffs) bt J Woodcock (Cheshire), 10-9, 9-1, 8-10, 9-5; F Roberts (Hants) bt P Nicholl (Durham), 9-2, 9-4, 9-7; R Best (Ire) bt J Pearson (Yorks), 9-1, 9-2, 9-7; H Macfie (Surrey) bt J Leatherbarrow (Lancs), 9-7, 7-9, 9-4, 10-8; D Vardy (Notts) bt R Marriott (Lincs), 9-7, 9-7, 9-1; M le Moignan (Hants) bt R Poole (Hereford and Worcester), 9-0, 9-2, 9-3; S Brown (Scot) bt A Murphy (Essex), 9-2, 9-4, 9-3; C Jackman (Norfolk) bt H Rutt (Beds), 9-1, 9-4, 9-4; J Parker (Yorks) bt C Fleetwood (Hants), 9-5, 9-2, 9-3; S Foster (Northants) bt R Strauss (Essex), 9-4, 8-10, 9-1, 9-6, 10-8; A Cumings (Surrey) bt S Fury (Wales), 9-2, 9-0, 7-9, 9-3; F Geaves (Glos) bt L Charman (Sussex), 9-2, 9-5, 9-7; M Fryer (Mdx) bt J Moore (Staffs), 6-9, 9-1, 9-1, 5-9, 9-4. Third round: L Opie (Notts) bt C Jackman (Norfolk), 9-6, 9-1, 0-9, 9-1; A Smith (Staffs) bt H Macfie (Surrey), 9-4, 9-3, 9-5; M Le Moignan (Hants) bt S Brown (Sco), 9-2, 9-1, 9-1.

CRICKET

New Zealand set for victory as Hadlee strikes

From Javed Akhtar
Bombay

New Zealand are poised to register their first Test victory here and only their second in 33 years on Indian soil after thoroughly outplaying the home team on the fourth day of the second Test at the Wankhede Stadium. Chasing a victory target of 282, India were tottering at 137 for seven at the close.

Earlier, the New Zealand tail added 97 valuable runs to the overnight score of 182 for eight before being all out for 279, half an hour after lunch.

The ninth wicket pair of Smith and Bracewell frustrated the Indian bowlers to add 69 runs. Smith, who has looked the best batsman of slow bowling among the visitors, struck eight boundaries in his 54 off 96 balls to record his third half century in Test matches. He was caught at silly point off Ayub.

Bracewell, missed twice — More missing a simple stumping off Ayub and failing to hold a straightforward chance off the same bowler — made 32. He ultimately fell to Ayub diving to his right for a return chance.

It was an interesting day's play watched by a crowd of nearly 40,000 spectators whose hearts must have missed a beat or two when Hadlee dismissed Srikkanth with the first ball of the innings.

Undaunted by the early loss of his partner, Arun Lal played a few aggressive strokes but he witnessed the departure of Siddhu and Vengsarkar in quick succession.

Siddhu charged out to Bracewell, missed the line and was bowled. Making use of his height, Bracewell made one kick up and turn sharply as Vengsarkar played back and was bowled.

Hadlee removed Arun Lal for the third time in four innings by inducing a snick to first slip. Bracewell had Azharuddin caught at forward short leg. Kapil Dev then played forcefully in his characteristic style.

But two brilliant catches ended the innings of both. The New Zealanders were outstanding in the field.

A great low diving catch by Smith who managed to glove the ball in his right hand as Shastri edged a Hadlee outswinger brought an end to the stand at 134.

India lost their seventh wicket at the same score when Kapil drove Bracewell hard through the covers but Wright anticipated well to take the catch low

NEW ZEALAND: First innings: 236

Second innings

T J Franklin c More b Kapil Dev	2
*J G Wright lbw b Marwani	36
A H Jones lbw b Ayub	78
M J Greatbatch b Marwani	31
K R Rutherford c Lal b Ayub	17
T E Blain lbw b Ayub	5
R J Hadlee c Vengsarkar b Marwani	1
†I D S Smith not out	5
D M Morrison c More b Marwani	0
J G Bracewell not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 8, nb 8, w 1)	21
Total (115 overs)	279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-73, 3-149, 4-168, 5-169, 6-176, 7-178, 8-181, 9-250.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 24-5-52-1; Patel 10-0-37-0; Ayub 33-11-50-5; Marwani 38-7-93-4; Shastri 10-1-35-0.

INDIA: First innings

K Srikkanth c Franklin b Hadlee	94
Arun Lal lbw b Hadlee	9
N S Siddhu lbw b Chatfield	6
*D B Vengsarkar c Blain b Bracewell	25
M Azharuddin c Greatbatch b Bracewell	9
R J Shastri b Chatfield	32
Kapil Dev b Hadlee	7
†K S More b Hadlee	28
A Ayub c Bracewell b Hadlee	10
R Patel c Rutherford b Hadlee	0
N Marwani not out	2
Extras (lb 5, nb 7)	12
Total (75.5 overs)	155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-34, 3-134, 4-150, 6-172, 7-209, 8-224, 9-229.

BOWLING: Hadlee 20.5-5-49-6; Morrison 16-1-58-0; Chatfield 18-6-41-2; Bracewell 21-6-81-2.

Second innings

K Srikkanth lbw b Hadlee	0
Arun Lal c Greatbatch b Hadlee	47
N S Sidhu b Bracewell	14
*Dilip Vengsarkar b Bracewell	0
M Azharuddin c Rutherford b Bracewell	21
R J Shastri c Smith b Hadlee	6
Kapil Dev c Wright b Bracewell	38
†K S More not out	0
Arshed Ayub not out	2
Extras (b 5, lb 3, nb 3)	11
Total (7 wkts)	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-48, 3-54, 4-89, 5-89, 6-134, 7-134.

BOWLING: Hadlee 13-1-35-3; Morrison 6-1-27-0; Chatfield 10-1-19-0; Bracewell 15-3-48-4.

Milestone for Phillips

Melbourne — West Indies were deprived of valuable batting practice for the second Test against Australia starting on Friday when rain prevented any play on the third day of their tour match against Victoria yesterday.

On Saturday, Wayne Phillips marked his first class debut with a hundred as Victoria compiled 385 in their first innings. The tourists were 155 for three at the close.

Phillips, who started the day on 68 out of Victoria's overnight total of 246 for six, survived two chances off the fast bowler, Patterson. On 89 he miscued a hook shot and was dropped by Bishop at fine leg.

VICTORIA: First innings: 385 (W Phillips 111, M Osborne 58 not out; R A Harper 5-78).

WEST INDIES: First innings

C G Greenidge c Hughes b Dodemaide	1
R B Richardson c Dimattina b Hughes	2
K L T Arthurton c Jones b Dodemaide	0
C A Hooper not out	63
A L Logie not out	79
Extras (b 2, lb 7, nb 1)	10
Total (for three wickets)	155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-4, 3-4.

BOWLING: Hughes 13-5-29-1; Dodemaide 10-4-24-2; Jackson 7-0-37-0; O'Donnell 10-1-24-0; Osborne 6-0-32-0.

BOXING

Gwillorocca is best

Oxford and Cambridge universities dominated the first British Universities Sports Federation championships at Kent University on Saturday (Srikumar Sen writes).

While Cambridge won four titles and Oxford two of the seven weights contested, Elliott Gwillorocca, the Oxford lightweight, received the Best Boxer award.

Gwillorocca had quick wins in the semi-final and final, stopping Eddie Carter, of Kent, in the first round for the title.

The Oxford captain, Robert McFarland, was also impressive in stopping the Cambridge featherweight, Chris Brealey, in the first round, especially as McFarland had had to come through a hard semi-final against Paul Rippingale, of Kent.

RESULTS: Featherweight: R McFarland (Oxford) bt C Brealey (Cambridge), first round. Light: E Gwillorocca (Oxford) bt E Carter (Kent) first round. Light-welter: S Farris (Cambridge) bt R Riley (Kent) pts. Welter: T Urquart (Cambridge) bt G Lloyd (Liverpool) pts. Light-middle: R Stevens (Cambridge) wo A White (Liverpool) (scr). Middle: D Sweeting (Cambridge) bt C Kelly (Cambridge) pts. Light-heavy: R Boyadjis (Kent) bt P Joy (Cambridge) second round.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bentley's joyful debut for Leeds

By Keith Macklin

Salford	6
Leeds	24

The Leeds players did everything possible to make John Bentley's debut a happy one. They outplayed a weakened Salford side, did not make excessive use of Bentley's wing until he had settled down after a nervous opening, and gave him enthusiastic back-slaps just before half time when he played a leading role in the third Leeds try.

It was a happy return to form for the Yorkshire Cup winners after two defeats against Castleford and Warrington, but the game provided a nasty jolt for Salford as they sought to consolidate their high first division position with a seventh win in 10 matches.

In fairness to Salford it must be acknowledged that they were without the injured Williams, and Evans, two key attacking players, and their other live-wire, Shaw, was injured before half time.

Leeds moved their Australian international winger, Ettingshausen, to full back to accommodate Bentley on the wing, and he set up the victory with two scything early breaks, first sending in Gibson, and then striding through for the second try after taking a clever inside pass from Lyons. Then half a dozen Leeds players handled in a bewildering bout of inter-passing before Bentley sent Brooke-Cowden over.

In the second half a break by Maskill gave Schofield a try, and in the last minute Ashton worked the blind side of the scrum and Gibson walked in for his second try.

Late in the second half, when Salford at last put some attacking moves together, the other Bentley, Keith, sent the other Gibson, Steve, surging through and Bragger juggled with the final pass before diving over. It was merely a consolation effort.

SCORERS: Salford: Try: Bragger. Goal: Brown. Leeds: Tries: Gibson (2), Brooke-Cowden, Ettingshausen, Schofield. Goals: Stephenson (2).

SALFORD: S Gibson; K Jones, K Bentley, I Bragger, A Hedley; P Shaw, D Cairns; S Herbert, M Moran, P Brown, I Gormley, I Blease, M Horo. Subs: A Mercer, M Worrall.

LEEDS: A Ettingshausen; J Bentley, G Schofield, D Stephenson, C Gibson; C Lyons, R Ashton; S Backo, C Maskill, J Crooks, R Powell, M Brooke-Cowden, D Heron. Subs: P Medley, H Waddell.

Referee: J Holdsworth (Leeds).

Northern manage to keep Castleford at bay

The most exciting match in the second round ties of the John Player Special Trophy saw Bradford Northern steal victory at Castleford (Keith Macklin writes).

With the scores locked at 12-12 in the second half Northern took play to the Castleford 25-metre area and Harkin sent in Fairbank for a try. Hobbs kicked the goal, and then added a drop goal to make it 19-12, but in a storming Castleford finish Boothroyd scored a try and Ketteridge kicked the goal.

Another exciting finish was at Central Park on Saturday, with Wigan, level 16-16 with Halifax, winning the match with a second try from Mark Preston.

Warrington and Widnes had comfortable victories over Bramley and Sheffield Eagles. Chorley Borough went down to Hull Kingston Rovers.

Leigh beat Doncaster and are now the only lower division side left in this morning's draw.

St Helens scraped through 16-13 against Hull, and Wakefield Trinity produced a second half blitz to beat Rochdale Hornets.

Former Whitehaven and Barrow coach, Tommy Dawes, yesterday took over at Carlisle. He replaces Roy Lester.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Second round: Castleford 18, Bradford 19; Chorley 22, Hull KR 38; Leigh 40, Doncaster 8; St Helens 16, Hull 13; Sheffield 9, Widnes 32; Wakefield 38, Rochdale 12; Warrington 42, Bramley 10; Wigan 20, Halifax 16 (played Saturday).

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Salford 6, Leeds 24.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castleford	9	8	1	0	237	113	17
Widnes	9	7	0	2	258	97	14
Leeds	10	7	0	3	211	144	14
St Helens	10	6	1	3	199	214	13
Salford	10	6	0	4	212	232	12
Warrington	9	5	0	4	178	165	10
Bradford N	9	4	0	5	224	183	8
Wigan	9	4	0	5	198	178	8
Featherstone	9	4	0	5	165	244	8
Wakefield	10	3	1	6	157	241	7
Halifax	9	3	0	6	101	144	6
Hull	9	3	0	6	110	165	6
Hull KR	10	3	0	7	171	254	6
Oldham	10	1	1	8	199	248	3

SECOND DIVISION: Fulham 8, York 22; Keighley 16, Hunslet 19, Mansfield 6, Dewsbury 34, Whitehaven 15, Swinton 15. Postponed: Huddersfield v Workington.

Leigh	11	10	0	1	374	156	20
Barrow	11	9	1	1	265	125	19
Doncaster	10	9	0	1	268	123	18
Bramley	10	7	0	3	277	170	14
Swinton	12	6	2	4	292	219	14
Dewsbury	12	7	0	5	229	322	14
Sheffield	11	6	1	4	212	145	13
Whitehaven	11	5	2	4	202	185	12
Rochdale	11	6	0	5	290	284	12
Keighley	11	6	0	5	223	270	12
York	11	5	1	5	238	314	11
Batley	11	4	3	4	187	169	11
Carlisle	11	4	1	6	169	180	9
Workington	9	4	0	5	188	178	8
Chorley	12	4	0	8	178	239	8
Fulham	10	3	0	7	175	215	6
Hunslet	10	3	0	7	129	190	6
Mansfield	12	3	0	9	134	258	6
Runcorn	11	2	0	9	148	314	4
Huddersfld	11	0	1	10	143	320	1

HOCKEY

Errors are exploited by Slough

Slough took advantage of some costly mistakes by St Albans to win 4-0 and put themselves in the fifth round of the Nationwide Anglia Cup at the Watford Leisure Centre yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

St Albans made their first mistake in the 14th minute when Boetius failed to intercept a pass by Khehar and Cook nipped in to score.

St Albans who were without their centre half, Wisher fell further behind in the 17th minute of the second half. Khehar was obstructed inside the circle by Port to concede a penalty stroke and Ken Partington converted.

Manjit Flora scored the third goal on the follow-up from a short corner and Maskery converted a short corner two minutes before the end.

● Hounslow, Havant, Old Loughtonians and Neston all had easy passages into the fifth round of the Nationwide Anglia Cup yesterday. Hounslow overran Fleet to win 8-1 with Grimley, Parmi Soor and Rob Thompson all scoring twice. Nick Thompson scored four goals for Old Loughtonians who trounced Trojans 7-1.

Crutchley hit three goals for Neston who beat Ipswich 6-0. Havant defeated Chelmsford by the same score.

Cambridge City were taken to extra-time by Stourport before winning 2-0. Rehncy's third minute goal was enough to give Indian Gymkhana a 1-0 win over Warrington and Teddington went through with a 3-1 win over Oxford Hawks.

HOCKEY

Life among elite is no joy-ride for Isca

By Sydney Friskin

Teddington	3
Isca	0

Isca, West League champions for 11 successive years, are finding life a little difficult in the Poundstretcher National League. Despite a spirited performance at Ditton Fields on Saturday they had to accept defeat by Teddington.

Teddington's acceleration with Billson and Barker showing the way, followed the pattern earlier set by Isca for whom Laxon came close to scoring in the first couple of minutes. A lack of finishing power was Isca's problem.

Billson set up Teddington's first goal in the 18th minute with a sparkling run on the left and a shot which was well saved by Phillips. Benzies scored on the follow-up.

Isca's joy when Robert Skinner hit the ball into goal from a short corner seven minutes later was shortlived, the umpire having spotted an offside infringement. Then Teddington wasted a penalty stroke, Phillips saving well from McGuire.

Billson increased Teddington's lead in the 23rd minute, running half the length of the field and driving home a rasping shot on entering the circle. Isca's cup of woe was filled a minute from time when McGuire made no mistake with another penalty stroke.

TEDDINGTON: G Meredith; C Camburn, M Riley, P Smith, J Royce, I Lang, A Billson, P McGuire, R Benzies, N Barker, T Walker.

ISCA: S Phillips; K Baker, M Tremlett, M Turner, G Skinner, N Bower, J Drew, R Skinner, J Laxon, M Rogers, M McEwan. Umpires: M Grimsdale (Southern Counties), R Webb (Eastern Counties).

Leaders stay on top

The Poundstretcher National League crossed the halfway stage on Saturday with Havant maintaining the lead in the first division and Reading in the second (Sydney Friskin writes).

Havant had little trouble defeating Cambridge City 3-0 at Coldhams Common, with two goals by Faulkner, and Seabrook. Southgate moved into second place with a 3-0 away win over Welton with goals by Moulton, Welch and Shaw but none from the closely-marked Kerly.

Indian Gymkhana drew 1-1 at Horsham with East Grinstead who scored first through Wallis before Daved replied. Old Loughtonians maintained their unbeaten record with a 1-1 draw at home with Slough. Hounslow achieved a resounding 6-0 away win over Warrington but remained in fourth place.

Bromley had to work hard for their 3-2 home win over Harborne. Osborn scored the only goal of the match for Reading against Westcliff to remain the league's top scorer with a total of 13. Brean remained in contention with a 1-0 win over Canterbury.

Neston took a 3-0 lead over Coventry and North Warwickshire but had to hang on desperately after Morgan and Chris Roberts had scored for the home side.

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Havant	8	7	0	1	15	3	21
Southgate	8	5	2	1	20	6	17
Ind Gymkhana	8	5	2	1	15	10	17
Hounslow	8	5	1	2	27	9	16
O Loughtonians	8	3	5	0	15	8	14
Stourport	8	4	1	3	17	14	13
Teddington	8	4	1	3	13	13	13
Bromley	8	3	3	2	13	12	12
Slough	8	3	2	3	9	12	11
East Grinstead	8	2	4	2	8	7	10
Welton	8	3	1	4	8	12	10
Isca	8	3	0	5	11	16	9
Harborne	8	2	1	5	10	15	7
Cambridge City	8	2	0	6	6	17	6
Wakefield	8	0	3	5	6	18	3
Warrington	8	0	0	8	6	25	0

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	8	7	1	0	20	4	22
Bournville	8	5	2	1	18	12	17
Brean	8	5	2	1	11	6	17
Cannock	8	5	1	2	17	8	16
Doncaster	8	4	1	3	14	10	13
Richmond	8	4	1	3	17	14	13
Guildford	8	4	1	3	18	16	13
Taunton Vale	8	3	3	2	9	8	12
Gore Court	8	2	4	2	5	5	10
Canterbury	8	3	1	4	8	9	10
Coventry and NW	8	2	3	3	12	14	9
Neston	8	2	2	4	12	16	8
Peterborough	8	2	2	4	9	16	8
Colchesters	8	1	2	5	9	15	5
Broxbourne	8	1	2	5	11	18	5
Westcliff	8	0	0	8	3	16	0

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Cream 1, St Albans 4, Hawks 0, Beckenham 1, Mid Surrey 1, Cambridge Univ 1, Oxford Univ 2, Hampstead 1, Spencer 3, London Univ 1, Surbiton 4, Dulwich 2, Tulse Hill 3, Purley 1, Wimbledon 0, Old Kingstonians 2.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bishop's Stortford 4, Ford 3; Blueharts 1, Cambridge Nomads 0, Harleston Magpies 0, Crosbys 0; Ipswich 3, Colchester 2; Norfolk Wanderers 0, West Herts 3; Nor Grasshoppers 4, Bury St Edmunds 0; Welwyn Garden City 1, Bedford 1; Wisbech 0, Chelmsford 3.

PERONI BEER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Amersham 2, Aylesbury 1; Eastcoate 1, Marden R 0; Fareham 0, Lyons 1; Lawes 1, Ox Hawks 1; Old Meavians 2, Tunbridge Wells 2; Old Tauntonians 5, Bognor 2; Sevenoaks 1, Chichester 3. Hampshire/Surrey: Camberley 4, Bournemouth & WH 2; Esseom 1, US Portsmouth 1; Fleet 1, Basingstoke 0; Goan 0, Walton Cl; Met Police 1, Barnes 3; Nat West Bank 1, Merton 1; Old Edwardians 0, Southampton Univ 0; Woking 4, Weymouth 1; Westcliffe 0; Richmond 2, Anchorians 1; Taunton Vale 1, Doncaster 0.

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Bromley	8	3	3	2	13	12	12
Slough	8	3	2	3	9	12	11
East Grinstead	8	2	4	2	8	7	10
Welton	8	3	1	4	8	12	10
Isca	8	3	0	5	11	16	9
Harborne	8	2	1	5	10	15	7
Cambridge City	8	2	0	6	6	17	6
Wakefield	8	0	3	5	6	18	3
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Peterborough	8	2	2	4	9	16	8
Colchesters	8	1	2	5	9	15	5
Broxbourne	8	1	2	5	11	18	5
Westcliff	8	0	0	8	3	16	0

ICE SKATING

Championship hit by sick competitors

Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre carried the flavour of an overworked clinic on the eve of the Skate Electric British figure skating championships yesterday. The two leading competitors in the women's event are under medical care and two possible winners of the men's competition are recovering from surgery (John Hennessy writes).

Robin Cousins has a foot in both debilitated camps, with Joanne Conway suffering from a virus, and Charles Wildridge nursing an ailing knee: as Cousins twice did, Gina Fulton, second last year, is fighting glandular fever.

The men's event is wide open. Ashley Moore, runner-up in 1987, would hope to succeed, but his embarrassing performance at Richmond last month, showed what a devastating legacy a shoulder operation has left behind.

● Sharon Jones and Paul Askham won the dance championship for the fourth time on Saturday.

RESULT: (first two couples chosen for European championship): 1, S Jones and P Askham (Altrincham/Humberside) 2.0; 2, K Quinn and A Abretti (Lee Valley), 5.9; 3, L Burton and A Place (Slough), 6.8; 4, J Linney and G Linney (Altrincham) 8.0; 5, L Bradby and A Towers (Bristol), 8.6.

BADMINTON

Frost is ready to tackle the world's best

Morten Frost, the former world No. 1 living in Hertfordshire, confirmed his recent resurgence by following his triumph in last month's Carlsberg Classic by regaining the Carlton Vauxhall Scottish open at Edinburgh yesterday (Richard Eaton writes).

The Danish tax exile now believes he is good enough to make a serious attempt on the World Grand Prix finals after winning the title for the fourth time with a comfortable 15-7, 15-5 victory over the England No. 2, Nick Yates.

Fiona Smith, the title holder, went down 11-9, 12-10 to Christine Magnusson, the Swedish No. 1, in the final of the women's singles.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: M Frost (Den), bt D Hall (Eng), 15-10, 15-8; N Skeby (Den), bt C Rees (Wales), 15-4, 15-3; Sze Yu (Aus), bt C Rong (China), 15-2, 15-2; N Yates (Eng), bt A Neilsen (Eng), 15-1, 15-9. Semi-finals: Frost bt Skeby, 15-9, 15-5. Yates bt Sze Yu, 15-4, 15-2. Final: Frost bt Yates, 15-10, 15-5. Women's singles: Semi-finals: Smith bt Yao Fen, 11-4, retd; Magnusson bt Nadergaard, 7-11, 12-10, 11-8. Final: Magnusson bt Smith, 11-9, 12-10. Men's doubles: Finals: H Svarrer and C Thomsen (Den) bt R Roennblom and E Soederberg (Swe), 15-12, 15-10. Women's doubles: Final: G Clark and S Sankey (Eng) w/o D Kjaer and G Paulsen (Den). Mixed doubles: Final: P Joensson and M Bengtsson (Swe) w/o N Skeby and Paulsen (Den)

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GATESHEAD: Presto international cross-country: Men: 1, G Turnbull (Gateshead), 20min 07sec; 2, C Walker (Gateshead), 20:36; 3, T Murray (Greenock Glenpark), 20:39. Team: Gateshead, 66pts. Women: A Jenkins (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Southern), 12:16. Team: Ballymena, 26pts.

PARLIAMENT HILL: London cross-country championships: M Williams (Shettleston Harriers), 30min 37sec. Team: London Irish, 30pts.

CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUES: Kent 1st Canterbury): 1, N Brawn (Invicta East Kent), 24min 06sec; 2, M Gratton (Invicta), 24:19; 3, B Royston (Medway), 24:25. Team: Invicta East Kent, 12pts. Sussex 1st Lancing): Men: M Wheeler (East Grinstead), 31min 11sec. Team: Brighton and Hove. Women: R Joyce (Crawley), 16'55. Team: Crawley.

SOLIHEL (Fr): Bayer International cross-country meeting: Men: 1, J Regato (Por), 27min 56sec; 2, B Itswarts (Fr), 27:59; 3, T Parrel (Fr), 28:02; 4, A Passey (GB), 28:05; 5, R Hackney (GB), 28:16; 11, D McNeily (GB), 28:35; 12, A Pearce (GB), 28:39. Women: 1, A Dias (Por), 16'41; 2, S Tooby (GB), 15'48; 3, R Murcia (

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Top jockeys up in arms over whip suspensions

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

The Jockeys' Association of Great Britain has called for an urgent meeting with the National Trainers Federation following a spate of suspensions for improper use of the whip.

In the last 10 racing days, five of the country's leading jockeys have either been banned by local stewards or referred by them to the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee at Portman Square for whip offences.

At Newbury on Saturday, Richard Dunwoody was suspended for two days for hitting Lalitpour with "unnecessary force and frequency" after the pair had been beaten by three-quarters of a length in the second division of the Speen Novices' Hurdle.

At the inquiry, it was claimed that Dunwoody had hit Lalitpour 18 times between the second hurdle from home and the winning post. The jockey said that he had only "tapped him" a dozen times and the horse had responded."

At Towcester, on November 17, Dunwoody had been called before the stewards for a similar offence and had been asked to change his style and also to consider his duty to protect the good image of racing.

The previous day, Declan Murphy was referred to Portman Square for the second time this season and at Nottingham, on November 18, Steve Smith Eccles was suspended for three days.

Only last Thursday, at Haydock, both the champion jockey, Peter Scudamore, and Lorcan Wyer were banned for two days.

A jockeys' meeting was hastily called after the last race at Newbury on Saturday. It was attended by Dunwoody, Scudamore and other jockeys.

Afterwards, Michael Caulfield, the recently-appointed secretary of the Jockeys' Association, said: "Our members are in a state of unhappiness about these recent cases. They want the Jockey Club to review the situation. I am sure they have been watching it closely and will be as worried as us."

David Nicholson, who is Dunwoody's employer and was formerly a top class jockey, said yesterday: "Quite frankly, the whole thing has gone over the top. Richard's ban is totally ridiculous. No one wants to see horses knocked about but a jockey's job is to get out there and win races."

Nicholson watched Saturday's race closely. "Richard was riding Lalitpour correctly, with sympathy and rhythm. He really got the horse running. If Richard had put his stick down, he might just as well have waved the winner by."

Dunwoody has quickly built himself a reputation as a stylish and effective horseman. Among his many big-race successes, he won the 1986 Grand National on West Tip and last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup on Charter Party. He is also highly articulate and, at present, a worried man.

Yesterday Dunwoody said: "It is all a question of interpretation of race finishes. It is difficult for the stewards and it is difficult for us. We are paid to win and to do our very best."

On the question of marking a horse with the whip, the jockey went on: "Horses are very like people. Some of us bruise easily and some of us don't.

"I ride in 400 to 500 races a year and inevitably, once or twice I am going to leave a mark. But no one wants to abuse horses and I would be the first to admit it if I hit a horse too many times needlessly."

David Pipe, public relations manager for the Jockey Club, said: "The guidelines over the whip were laid down in March. Nothing has changed since then except that an instruction was issued in the *Racing Calendar* of November 17 about the practice of hitting horses down the neck. However, we would be very happy to meet the jockeys again."

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Hendry sees hopes fade

By Steve Acteson

When Doug Mountjoy won the 1978 United Kingdom Championship, Stephen Hendry was a gawky nine-year-old with three years still to go before his father, Gordon, brought home a miniature snooker set to launch a remarkable career.

Yesterday, however, Mountjoy, aged 46, from Wales, was busily sorting the men from the boys once more as he took all seven frames in the afternoon session, the third of this year's Tennents UK final, to stand only two from victory and from completing one of snooker's most romantic stories.

With 10 frames to come last night Mountjoy was already within touching distance of the winner's cheque for £80,000.

Since his 1978 UK triumph, Mountjoy has won only the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters in 1979, and the Welsh Championship three times, the last of them in 1987 when his game and confidence were about to fall apart.

In February, on the advice of his close friend, Terry Griffiths, Mountjoy went to see Frank Callan, revered as snooker's most inspirational tutor and after 10 months of back-breaking practice he has put Callan's lessons into effect to an astonishing degree.

But having reached the final, somewhat ironically beating Griffiths in the semi-final, that was supposed to be that. Hendry, world No. 4, had grudgingly surrendered a mere five frames in disposing of Cliff Thorburn, and then the defending and world champion, Steve Davis, to reach the final.

It was Mountjoy, though, despite century breaks of 103 and 113 from Hendry, who took the honours in the first session on Saturday to lead 5-2. But on Saturday night Mountjoy missed a straightforward pink to go 7-2 ahead and a much relieved Hendry swiftly made him pay for the error by taking that game and then four of the next five to draw level at 7-7 overnight.

For good measure he also ended the night's play with a break of 129, to set the new televised high break this year. But Mountjoy even deprived him of that and the £8,000 special prize that goes with it as he turned the tables once more yesterday.

After a scrappy two opening frames had both gone to Mountjoy, Hendry simply disappeared. His expression grew steadily more pained as Mountjoy whitewashed him three times in the next five frames, a span that saw Hendry amass only 22 points and Mountjoy compiling breaks of 40, 81, 72, 32, a new televised best of 131 and then 106 for good measure.

RESULT: Final: D Mountjoy (Wales) leads S Hendry (Scot), 14-7. Frame scores (Mountjoy first): 75-25, 0-103, 73-6, 75-30, 25-113, 87-40, 124-7, 62-65, 13-98, 14-89, 37-72, 79-9, 0-136, 76-49, 71-41, 125-0, 73-0, 71-27, 131-1, 106-0.

No goals amid an abundance of United failings

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Newcastle United..... 0
Manchester United..... 0

Discontent rumbled throughout St James's Park yesterday. The supporters of Newcastle United, infuriated by the lack of success of the club that is still at the bottom of the first division, staged demonstrations before, during and after the thoroughly undistinguished televised fixture against Manchester United.

A banner, bearing the message "Sack the Board," provoked applause before the kick-off and chants that were to echo until well after the teams had left. "Now you'd better believe us," the spectators sang in unison, "they are going to wreck the club".

The expectations of Newcastle and United are so high that any appreciative fall in stature is sure to be greeted with angry public dissatisfaction. Neither side could deflect the criticism that is mounting by the hour on Tyneside and by the day in Manchester.

In spite of Newcastle's attacking ineptitude, United's defence was regularly splintered. It was all but broken as early as the eighth minute, for example, when Tinnion's free kick bounced off the foot of a post. Leighton, unsighted then, could give no such excuse for almost shovelling in one of Hendrie's cross.

Bruce was inches away from rolling another into his own net. Having failed to score in no fewer than 12 of their 18 matches this season and in none of their last six, Newcastle are in urgent need of such generosity.

They did not need it in the 35th minute, although the threat happened to be posed by one of United's old boys. O'Brien might still have been wandering around the practice pitch with his former colleagues judging from the manner in which he nonchalantly struck a drive narrowly wide.

Yet Garton returned to the theme shortly after the interval by inadvertently turning an intended back pass into an opportunity for McDonald. Leighton, with a deflection, protected United's right back from acute embarrassment and Donaghy completed the clearance.

United's spearhead was no sharper. It was carried initially by Milne, the most unlikely signing at Old Trafford for many a year, and Hughes, who continues to make his mark on defenders rather than on the scoresheet. At his inflated price, his contribution ought to be substantially more significant.

He was provided with the earliest of the game's rare openings after Milne had drifted past the flat-footed Cornwell (who was later to be booked, as was Thorn, both for felling McClair in full stride). Hughes, left unguarded, nodded the cross within the expansive reach of Beasant.

Almost immediately after Milne had been replaced, McClair glided unnoticed onto Garton's cross but, from a distance of no more than half a dozen yards, he headed wide. Nor was that the end of United's profligacy in a contest illuminated by little more than the typical forcefulness of their captain, Robson.

Garton, left alone inside an area full of Newcastle hesitancy, mis-hit his shot. Beasant still mishandled it and, after it had bounced softly off an upright, he was bundled into the net by McClair. Not surprisingly, the referee cleared up the mess by disallowing the goal.

United might still have collected all three points had Sharpe, released by Hughes, not aimed at Beasant's long legs. The second of their substitutes, Robins, aged 18, was introduced for the closing few minutes. A graduate of the School of Excellence in Lilleshall, he will presumably be convinced that he can do no worse than his elders and so-called betters.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: D Beasant; J Anderson, B Tinnion, D McCreery, J Cornwell, A Thorn, J Hendrie, L O'Brien, R McDonald, L Payne (sub: K Wharton), Mirandinha.
MANCHESTER UNITED: J Leighton; W Garton, A Gill, S Bruce, C Blackmore, M Donaghy, B Robson, R Milne (sub: L Martin), B McClair, M Hughes, L Sharpe (sub: M Robins).
Referee: H Taylor.

● Newcastle received a cheque for £750,000 from the Football Grounds Improvement Trust yesterday to help meet the cost of their new West Stand. The figure is the largest paid to a Barclays League club by the pools-funded organization.

Watford pay the price

Watford have postponed a plan to improve part of their Vicarage Road ground.

Elton John, the club chairman, told supporters that money, which was to have helped finance the building of a roof over the Vicarage Road End terrace, would now be directed towards paying for players, as Watford seek to gain promotion to Division One.

"The Board and I felt that money could be used more effectively at the present time in retaining the services of top players, and attracting quality players to Watford," he said.

Unlike Watford, Charlton Athletic do not have cash to spare. Lennie Lawrence, the manager, has admitted that he is powerless to act on the player shortage that threatens to plunge his team into fresh relegation plight.

He was left with only eight available players after Saturday's 1-0 home defeat by Nottingham Forest.

Lawrence, celebrating his anniversary with the London club, said: "In six years I've never had so little material for such a hard job."



All downhill from here: Zurbriggen makes a descent to victory in the Super-G, the opening World Cup race of the season

Winning start for Zurbriggen

Schladming, Austria (Reuter) — Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, set the standard for the new season by winning the opening race of the men's World Cup yesterday, a super-giant slalom.

Starting last of the top-seeded group of 15, Zurbriggen crossed the finish line in one minute 31.65 seconds to better the time of Franck Piccard, the French Olympic champion, by 0.12 seconds. Leonhard Stock, of Austria, was third just ahead of Alberto Tomba, of Italy, whose fourth place was his best ever in a super-G.

It was Zurbriggen's 24th World Cup race victory and his seventh in a super-G. "It's to start with a win," he

"At the beginning of the season you are never quite sure where you stand."

Tomba silenced the critics who said he was unfit and overweight, when, starting first, he clocked 1:32.31, beating the super-G specialist, Markus Wasmeier, of West Germany, into fifth place.

Piccard's second place is certain to cause a major row because he defied an agreement reached by ski makers on Friday and used controversial anti-vibration plates on his skis.

Use of the plates is not banned by the International Ski Federation but the 12 leading ski makers decided they would not provide skis fitted with them to their racers. They are worried about liability in case of accidents and by the likelihood that the plates would get more credit than the skis for any success.

Carole Merle, of France, dashed Austrian hopes of a home win when she recorded a surprise victory in the opening race of the women's World Cup ski season, also a super-giant slalom, on Saturday.

Merle came from the low start number of 25 to clock 1:25.36 and win the second World Cup race of her career. Ulrike Maier, of Austria, who, until that point, seemed to have secured her first ever World Cup victory, had to be content with second place

MEN'S SUPER-GIANT SLALOM (Schladming, yesterday): 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1min 31.65sec; 2, F Piccard (Fr), 1:31.77; 3, L Stock (Austria), 1:32.15; 4, A Tomba (It), 1:32.31; 5, M Wasmeier (WG), 1:32.60; 6, H Strolz (Austria), 1:32.84; 7, L Alphand (France) 1:32.95; 8, H Hoeflehner (Austria), 1:33.00; 9, M Girardelli (Luxembourg), 1:33.12; 10, H Enn (Austria), 1:33.39; 11, G Mader (Austria), 1:33.49; 12, H Rienoth (WG), 1:33.67; 13, M Hangl (Switz), 1:33.75; 14, J Polig (It), 1:33.78; 15, M Eder (WG), 1:33.88. British: 40, M Bell, 1:37.43; 76, G Bell, 1:38.92; 85, R Duncan, 1:40.63.
WOMEN'S SUPER-GIANT SLALOM (Schladming, Saturday): 1, C Merle (Fr), 1min 25.36sec; 2, U Maier (Austria), 1:26.01; equal 3: A Wachter (Austria), and R Moosenlechner (WG), 1:26.26; 5, S Wolf (Austria), 1:26.28; 6, T Haescher (WG), 1:26.36; 7, M Figini (Switz), 1:26.79; 8, M Gerg (WG), 1:26.91; 9, V Schneider (Switz), 1:26.94; 10, P Kronberger (Austria), 1:26.96; 11, U Stanggassinger (WG), 1:27.23; 12, C Chedal (Fr), 1:27.28; 12, S Eder (Austria), 1:27.31; 14, S Ginther (Austria), 1:27.45; 15, K Gutensohn (Austria), 1:27.62.

Lineker is too costly for Villa

Aston Villa yesterday reluctantly abandoned their negotiations to sign Gary Lineker from Barcelona as the transfer package approached a figure of £4 million (Dennis Shaw writes). Three weeks of talks between Senor Juan Gasparti, the Barcelona vice president, and Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, reached a stalemate as Villa decided the price was too high.

A decision to withdraw was reached between Ellis and his club's manager, Graham Taylor, after Taylor had spoken with Lineker and the England forward's agent. Villa's overall bill would have included a £2.5 million transfer fee, £1 million for the four unexpired years of the player's contract plus other costs.

"I was hoping that I could bring off the transfer scoop of the season but it would have meant I could not have considered further signings for 12 to 18 months."

● ZURICH (Reuter) — The European Football Union (UEFA) have quashed a European Cup replay order on Galatasaray of Istanbul. Last week UEFA ruled the second round second leg match against the Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax should be replayed on a neutral ground because of crowd trouble involving Galatasaray fans. But on Sunday the appeals board said the 5-0 result in favour of the Turks would stand.

The Turkish club, who won 5-3 on aggregate, now move into the quarter-finals but they must play their next UEFA match in a neutral country and the second 300 km from Istanbul.

● Napoli, the 1987 Italian champions, beat their successors, AC Milan, 4-1 yesterday.

Warren's change of plan causes furore

Angry committee members at London Docklands' Mudchute Farm last night accused the boxing promoter, Frank Warren, of deserting them, after his decision to switch the Barry McGuigan world title eliminator on Thursday to Edmonton's Picketts Lock Leisure Centre.

Warren yesterday decided to transfer the contest against Julio Miranda, of Argentina, to the standby venue "in the absence of a definite go-ahead" from Tower Hamlets Council for the use of Mudchute Farm.

But Sandra Ireland, a Mudchute Association Director, said: "We were supposed to go to the High Court on Monday morning with an affidavit to quash the objections of the Neighbourhood Committee. The Neighbourhood Committee have not submitted an answering case, so we would almost certainly have got the go-ahead. Warren has single-handedly destroyed the prospects of the largest urban farm in Europe."

Ireland added: "Warren has breached his contract with us. He signed a contract with us on November 17 to hold the fight at Mudchute."

Promoters threaten WBC

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The British promoters behind Frank Bruno were bracing themselves yesterday for a legal battle to safeguard their rights to promote Bruno's challenge for Mike Tyson's world heavyweight boxing title.

Reacting to the World Boxing Council's decision to give the contest to the highest bidder if the British cannot give the WBC a firm date by December 4 for promoting Tyson's defence, Mickey Duff said for the promoters that he would take the WBC to court.

"We are innocent parties caught in the middle of a wrangle between Tyson and his manager, Bill Cayton, and Cayton and Don King. The WBC cannot penalize us for something that is not our fault. If they try to put the fight out to purse offers we will take them to court. We have a contract signed by Cayton and Tyson and there is no getting out of that."

Duff backed the call from Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, at the weekend for Tyson to be stripped of the WBC title if he cannot give a firm date for his defence and stick to it. "Terry is quite right," Duff said. "The WBC should give Tyson an ultimatum and maybe that will make him make his mind up. Or else he should be stripped of his title.

"It is not the ideal thing for us if the champion loses his title like that, but it's a second choice which could work to Bruno's advantage."

If Tyson was stripped Bruno could end up the WBC champion, for as No. 1 he would meet Adilson Rodriguez, of Brazil, the No. 2 in the rankings.

Tyson's lawyer, Howard Weitzman, keeps saying that the champion is ready and willing to defend but Duff believes that Tyson might not step into the ring for another year.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Titmuss's last game

David Titmuss, England's most successful coach, will take charge of the national basketball team for the last time in the European Championship tie against The Netherlands in Manchester on Wednesday.

"I feel that my role with Hemel/Watford Royals [his club] is too all-embracing for me to carry on with England," he said. "I will not be re-applying for the job."

Two-year ban

Mitch Shirra, the New Zealand speedway rider, has been banned for two years from all motor sport after failing two drug tests. The International Motorcycling Federation's suspension follows the routine tests Shirra underwent at the overseas final of the world championship and the world pairs final last season. Shirra will appeal.



Douglas: successful start

McCreath out

Mark McCreath, the Midland Counties welterweight champion, has been removed from the England amateur boxing team to meet West Germany next month. He has been temporarily banned from international competition following the discovery of a banned substance in a sample taken after his appearance in the recent match against Czechoslovakia. The ban will remain in force until the result of an inquiry is made public.

Two victories

Desmond Douglas, England's No. 1 table tennis player, won both his matches as he opened his season's account for the defending champions, Bathwick Tyres, in a 4-4 against Grove, of Market Drayton, the present leaders, in the Leeds British League on Saturday.

Rescheduled

The NatWest Bank midland counties women's hockey final, between Staffordshire and Leicestershire, that was postponed on Friday because of fog, will be played tonight at Olton, Warwickshire (8.30 start).

Record lifting

Canberra (Reuter) — Leonid Taranenko, the Soviet weightlifter, set a world record of 475kg in the super-heavyweight category at the Australian Bicentennial world super-heavyweight championship on Saturday. His total lift included a world record clean-and-jerk of 266kg.

Woosnam in change of clubs again

Sydney — The saga of Ian Woosnam's search for the perfect golf clubs continued here at the weekend when, after opening rounds of 75 and 73 in the Australian Open, he bought a new Dunlop set from the pro's shop to replace his Japanese Maruman clubs and turned in rounds of 67 and 71. It still left him in only joint eighteenth place behind the winner, Mark Calcavecchia, of the United States

After using Dunlops last year — when he won record prize money in excess of £1 million — Woosnam surprised many observers by switching to Maruman, in a deal said to be worth £500,000. Woosnam, whose contract contains a clause which entitles him to change his clubs, had problems with the Maruman clubs earlier in the year but had since come back to win the Irish and European Opens

Calcavecchia wins, page 44

Winterbottom to captain the North XV

Peter Winterbottom, the England flanker who joined Harlequins from Headingley last month, will lead the North in the opening match of their defence of the Toshiba divisional rugby union championship against the Midlands at Otley next Saturday (David Hands writes).

There are three changes from the XV which played the Australians: Andrew will not be fit and Pears, the young Sale and Cumbria stand-off, comes in to partner Morris; Winterbottom himself returns, at the expense of Buckton; and Kimmins is preferred in the second row to Howe.

NORTHERN DIVISION: A Langford (Orrell); S Bimbill (Sale), W Carling (Harlequins), J Buckton (Saracens); R Underwood (Leicester); D Pears (Sale), D Morris (Liverpool St Helens); M Whitcombe (Sale), M Fenwick (Durham City), P Hanlsman (Headingley), S Hodgson (Vale of Lune), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), R Kimmins (Orrell), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), A Macfarlane (Sale). Replacements: M Lowther (Sale), N Hitchen (Orrell), M Wilkinson (Tynedale), D Cusani and P Buckton (Liverpool St H).

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